



Immigration Reform

A Common Sense Plan

MALIBU, CALIFORNIA, USA, August 5, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- L.A. Man's Simple Solution to the Complex Immigration Problem

An unlikely crusader is trying to bring about immigration reform from his home in Malibu, California, where he lives with his Labradoodle, Frankie.

This gentle, self-effacing reformer is Mark Jason, 77, and he is the creator of the Immigrant Tax Inquiry Group, which he has financed out of his own pocket. His elevator speech includes, "We've designed this immigration model efficiently to provide dignity for workers, respect and legality for employers and fairness to the U.S. Taxpayer. It generates billions of dollars, creates jobs, eliminates massive tax fraud and funds the essential services for undocumented immigrants, like healthcare and education, that are presently unfairly burdening taxpayers."

Jason, a former budget analyst for the California University System and IRS special agent, says he is motivated by the possibility of correcting poor tax policies and channeling new revenue into many areas affected by illegal immigration. One example is that millions of undocumented immigrants use tax id numbers which they get legally and then are allowed to claim excess dependent credits to which they are not entitled. "This cost American taxpayers over \$5 billion in 2015," he discovered. Another is that cash economy workers, when filing tax returns with Social Security numbers, are permitted to estimate their own incomes, resulting in little or no income taxes paid. However, they can pay only a required \$500-600 for Self-employment taxes with retirement benefits that can exceed contributions by \$250,000 each.

His plan, which he has been working on for nearly seven years, almost since he lost his wife after a long struggle with cancer, is to modify behavior of U.S. employers who are contributing to the illegal immigrant problem and to give some dignity and legal status to undocumented immigrants who work here. He does not advocate for fines, deportation, or citizenship. His proposal is a third way, avoiding the toxicity that attaches to both extremes in the immigration debate. Jason advocates a simple renewable 10-year Special Work Permit for illegals. Embedded in his proposal is a tax of five percent to be levied on the workers' wages and on the employer.

The worker would come safely out of the shadows for a small price and the employer would get the qualified labor for very little and without violating the law. It is a win win, says Jason.

There is a bonanza attached, according to Jason. The tax revenue would go to state and local authorities—he calculates it as generating \$176 billion in revenues over a 10-year period, which would go back to affected localities to offset the costs of education, health care, policing and prisons.

Jason, who says he has always had a passion for solving problems, from designing an irrigation system for his farm in Mexico to operating a property research company in California, is the son of the late Will Jason, a successful director, producer and composer. Ronald Reagan was a family friend and Mark continued their friendship at annual State University budget meetings when Reagan was governor and trustee. Jason describes himself as fiscal conservative.

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