

NEGATIVE POPULATION GROWTH

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NPG CALLS SENATE VOTE ON SANCTUARY CITIES A “HUGE FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP”

Says Congressional Inaction Only Feeds More Immigration Problems

Alexandria, VA (July 12, 2016) – Negative Population Growth (NPG) President Don Mann strongly criticized the failure of the U.S. Senate to pass the Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act (S. 3100) in the Senate last week.

Mann noted that too many Senators shunned their duty to protect our nation by failing to respond to the growing public demands to fix our failed immigration system. He stated that the vote was a huge failure of leadership at a time when our nation’s immigration laws need to be strengthened, rather than weakened.

Calling the Senate vote a “huge setback to the rule of law,” Mann made it clear that America cannot move forward in the battle to reduce immigration-driven population growth if we continue to allow sanctuary cities to exist. He declared, “In an age of escalating crime and terrorism our nation’s premier legislators are putting the interests of those who broke our nation’s laws ahead of the safety of our citizens and our country. This defies common sense. Citizen safety and national security should never be divisive issues.”

In condemning the Senate vote not to penalize the growing number of cities, counties and other jurisdictions (now estimated to be over 300) that offer “safe-haven” to illegal aliens, Mann openly inquired: “Just who’s running our country – our elected leaders or the open border lobby?” He noted, “Permitting sanctuary cities to remain in place without penalizing them for thumbing their nose at established immigration laws only sends out a worldwide message to one and all: Sneak into America. Hide in our cities. Do us harm. Receive protection from deportation.”

Mann highlighted that NPG has been in the forefront of the push to seriously cut back federal aid to sanctuary cities for many years. “Well before this issue received media coverage as a result of the brazen murder of Kate Steinle in San Francisco last July, NPG has rallied our members to pressure Congress to punish any and all jurisdictions that adopt sanctuary policies.” He concluded, “Unfortunately we are now in a position where we can’t expect illegals to respect our nation’s immigration laws if state and local governments – and now even Congress – won’t back them up. In voting to allow cities to coddle illegal immigrants, the U.S. Senate has failed all Americans. We will win on this issue only when all Americans are fully committed to enforcing immigration laws that were designed to protect our nation and its people. That must begin with our nation’s elected leaders.”

Note: In response to this growing crisis, NPG will issue a well-researched 8-page paper, *Sanctuary Cities: Politics Overshadow Responsible Immigration Policies*, in late August.

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Founded in 1972, NPG is a national nonprofit membership organization dedicated to educating the American public and political leaders regarding the damaging effects of population growth. We believe that our nation is already vastly overpopulated in terms of the long-range carrying capacity of its resources and environment. NPG advocates the adoption of its [Proposed National Population Policy](#), with the goal of eventually stabilizing U.S. population at a sustainable level – far lower than today’s. We do not simply identify the problems – we propose solutions. For more information, visit our website at www.NPG.org.