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I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES
My wife and I disapprove of HB2787. The Bill is illegal and deserves a NO VOTE.

A Federal Law of 1996, called the Illegal Immigrant Reform and Responsibility Act, was passed by Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton. Section 1623 prohibits states from providing in-state tuition rates to illegal aliens based on residence in a state unless the same rates are offered to United States citizens. HB2787 definitely breaks this Federal Law.

I attended the last HB2787 Hearing and was appalled at what I heard. CHAIRMAN DEMBROW conducted the most biased and undemocratic Hearing I have ever witnessed in our Capital Building. He loaded the agenda so that in a little over two hours the "OPPOSITION TO THE BILL" was only allowed 20 minutes of testimony. Talk about a shaft and railroad job. It was disgraceful and a travesty of justice!

An out of state student attending Oregon State University told the Committee that if the Bill passes she will sue the State of Oregon.

You and my wife and I are now paying taxes to pay for a free public school education through grade 12 for our illegal students. Passing this Bill will mean more taxes.

A recent poll showed 81% of United States citizens oppose a Bill like Bill2787.

It was just announced that in April the Federal government in budget cutting is doing away with bonuses and incentives for men and women joining the military services. How can we justify eliminating a program that has been in effect since World War II for people who defend our country and then turn around and fund illegal immigrants?

Gentlemen, on voting day, remember that a "YES" vote is breaking a Federal Law. Furthermore, it will result in many law suits against our State. And you are voting against the majority of your own constituents and Oregon citizens.

Remember, this day will also find hundreds and thousands of Oregon citizens PRAYING that you will do the right thing and vote "NO" on HB2787.

Thank you.