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If you locked up your home and moved overseas for a year and upon returning discovered a family living in your house - the father going to work nearby each day, the mother walking her kids to school each morning, and the teenage daughter studying tirelessly each night in the hopes of getting into college - even though they broke into your home would you encourage them to use the car you left in your garage since they appear to be kind and productive people?

Of course not. It is absurd to think you would react in any other way than to summon the police and have the intruders put in jail for breaking and entering.

So I have to ask, why, as legislators, do you insist on rewarding the people who break into our country?

As of 2013, there are an estimated 11 million illegal immigrants living in this country. These people receive nine years of free public education for their children, take entry level job opportunities away from unemployed Americans, and avail themselves of billions of dollars in social services, all on the tax payer's dime.

Now, you wish to also grant them drivers licenses.

At what point do you intend to stop selling out the American tax payer and learn to say "No!". No, you cannot live in this state illegally. No, you cannot work in factories and fields taking potential jobs away from legal oregon residents. No, you cannot overpopulate our schools and overwhelm our criminal justice system. And no, you cannot drive without the prospect of having your car impounded, being fined or placed in jail.

In 2005 President Bush signed into law the "Real ID Act" requiring states to verify proof of a person's social security account number prior to issuing a driver's license or identification card. States like Tennessee and North Carolina, who ignored the Federal law, eventually had to repeal the Illegal alien licensing procedures because they led to scandal and tragedy in the state.

Until early 2008, even Oregon allowed residents to acquire driver's licenses without proving legal U.S. presence or providing a verifiable social security number. But after criminal organizations abused Oregon's liberal standards and helped people to acquire licenses illegally, Governor Kulongoski signed Executive Order 07-22 requiring applicants to present "a valid Social Security number as well as acceptable documentation to prove name and date of birth."

Another Oregon law made effective in 2008 went even further, requiring driver's license applicants to prove U.S. citizenship or legal residence.

In passing SB 833 you will re-establish conditions that, prior to 2008, allowed identity-fraud to thrive here in Oregon.

If this type of law has failed here and in other states, why should we believe that it will have the intended results this time around?