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This Wednesday, the major statewide paper had a front page article in it about the problems private property owners have had for decades now along the border. Even though you are not going to be my constituents, I wanted to write you to propose a different solution than the ones you have been pursuing for these many years which has worsened your problem.

First, what you have been doing is not working. So maybe it is time to do something else. Maybe it is time to examine what is the cause of your problems, and fight the cause rather than the symptoms.

The huge influx of Mexicans and people from other parts of the Americas is important to you. These people provide large labor savings on your ranches. They come ready to work and are willing to work hard. They lower the costs to you both in selling to and buying from the marketplace. If they could not find work, they would not come. So there is obviously a job market out there, and that market is nationwide.

Now some would say, this is an area we need to attack. We need to pass laws against aliens coming here to work without government permission. Since when has it ever worked out well for you whenever the government interfered with your free market exchanges?

Besides the federal government has already passed such un-Constitutional and draconian assaults on the free market, and the results are that the immigrants keep immigrating, and the employers keep hiring them, and occasionally we have a business owner like yourself, getting a show trial by a conniving federal prosecutor who triumphantly sends that entrepreneur to prison. But for the most part, the situation remains: People hire people to do jobs. The free market ALWAYS finds a way. And government officials are always willing to be corrupted.

So what are we supposed to do? Let people by the tens of thousands stream over our private property!? That is the situation you are in today. Why? It did not used to be like this in your father's and grandfather's time. What has changed? Transportation has improved, but not that much. These immigrants still travel for long periods over great distances at great cost, and at terrible risk just to work menial jobs in the United States for you. And we want them to!

The countries they come from are impoverished, but that has been true of these countries for a century, and besides our ancestors immigrated here for the same reason; seeking a better living.

Our economy for the past 50 years has grown enormously. We are comparatively wealthy as a population, and that wealth translates into more job openings as we are willing to pay others to do certain jobs, preferring to spend our limited time on more productive pursuits. In our situations it has become worth it to hire low cost immigrants. Is this a cause we really wish to fight? Do we wish to impoverish ourselves so these aliens will stop coming? I think not.

So what is the other cause of these aliens trespassing on our private property by the tens of thousands? The federal government. Our government blocks all public roads into our country, denying access to these aliens whom have jobs waiting for them on the other side of the fence. So they use your property. And the sheer number of people causes massive damage to your property in the trampling of your lands, the consumption of your lands resources and the deposition of large amounts of both garbage and human waste.

This never happened when the borders were relatively open. Indeed, were the borders open today, as an entrepreneur you could seize the opportunity to facilitate the weary travelers on their journey into the United States. Instead of giving thousands of dollars to Coyotes, they could be renting places to stay on your property, buying supplies and making safe transportation arrangements. Since they would not wish to anger you, they would be respectful of your property. Even though your anger may have turned to prejudice, even you remember that these are good people who want to work.

The solution is not to demand more federal government, they are the ones responsible for your mess in the first place. The solution is to drive the federal government back into its cage at every opportunity and by any means at hand. For more solutions please see my website: www.GammillForCongress.com.

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