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Dear Carl,

Thank you for allowing me to listen to your concerns about illegal aliens being able to collect Social Security. I appreciate you taking the time to share your views with me.

I do not believe that illegal immigrants should be rewarded in any way for violating our laws and they should not receive Social Security benefits or other public subsidies.

In my view, a successful effort to control illegal immigration should include these three essentials: (1) secure and protect our borders; (2) enforce and obey all of our laws; and (3) no cutting in line and no amnesty.

Under current law, certain foreign workers who are legally working in the United States may be eligible to receive Social Security benefits. Under no circumstances are benefits provided to illegal immigrants. Legally-employed individuals who have paid Social Security taxes are allowed to receive benefits if they have worked in the United States for at least five years.

I will continue to work towards an immigration solution that protects the economic well-being of our nation.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with me. By working together, we will build a better future for everyone.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Kagen
Member of Congress