

STATEMENT

Janelle Stelson Refuses To Address Securing The Border But Supports A Pathway To Citizenship For Illegal Immigrants Which Would Allow Illegals To Collect Social Security And Other Benefits.

Verification

Stelson Also Wants To See A Pathway To Citizenship For Migrants “Who Have Been Here Paying Taxes For Decades.” “Tell us where you stand on the contentious issue of border security. We have a broken immigration system and must secure our Southern border. We need to increase the number of Customs and Border Protection agents and officers, and fix the asylum system so we can process cases much more quickly. We need to ensure a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers and those who have been here paying taxes for decades. For far too long, politicians have been blaming each other instead of actually proposing solutions to get the job done. I will work across the aisle to ensure we get real, humane, meaningful results.” (Teresa Boeckel, “Q&A: Democratic Candidates Running To Unseat Republican Scott Perry Address Issues,” [York Daily Record](#), 3/27/24)

According To CNN, There Were 2.5 Million Tax Returns Filed Using Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. “Instead, they file using what’s known as an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). The Bipartisan Policy Center, a Washington-based think tank, notes that “most experts believe the vast majority of tax returns filed with ITINs today are filed by undocumented immigrants. Some noncitizens who legally immigrated to the United States also pay taxes using this method. “In 2019, according to the IRS, more than 2.5 million tax returns were filed using ITINs, accounting for nearly \$6 billion in taxes.” (Catherine E. Shoichet, “Undocumented immigrants are paying their taxes today, too,” [CNN](#), 4/18/23)

Amnesty Would Make Migrants Eligible To Receive The Earned Income Tax Credit. “Third, I estimate the size of the earned income tax credit (EITC) that newly legalized immigrants might expect to receive. Households headed by currently undocumented parents do not qualify for the EITC; as such, amnesty would provide these households — especially low-income households with multiple children — with a substantial increase in household income through the EITC. Using household data from the ACS, I estimate that, on average, undocumented households would qualify for \$1,175 per year in EITC payments.” (Hugh Cassidy, “How Granting Undocumented Immigrants Could Boost The US Labor Market,” [Baker Institute For Public Policy](#), 9/7/23)

In April 2021, The Center For Immigration Studies That Providing Amnesty For Illegal Immigrants Would Make Them Eligible For Benefits Like Medicare And Social Security. “A second reason that amnesty would be costly to Social Security and Medicare is that many illegal immigrants are currently paying into the system without accruing any benefits in return. Although the exact percentage is unknown, roughly half of illegal immigrants are thought to be contributing payroll taxes — either because they entered a fake Social Security number (SSN) on employment forms, or because they acquired a real SSN through former legal status or fraud.² The “free” contributions made by these taxpaying illegal immigrants are a fiscal positive for the U.S., but amnesty would reverse the situation. Once illegal immigrants receive amnesty and become eligible for Social Security and Medicare, they will no longer be net contributors who partially pay in without receiving anything in return. Instead, they will become net beneficiaries who receive more in benefits than they contribute in taxes. It is this dramatic change in status that makes amnesty so costly to the system.” (Jason Richwine, “Amnesty Would Impose Large Costs On Social Security And Medicare,” [Center For Immigration Studies](#), 4/5/21)