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## Birthright Citizenship: Candidate Positions

*"Since 2016 GOP Presidential Hopeful, Donald Trump, released his immigration plan last weekend that called for ending Birthright Citizenship, many of the other presidential hopefuls have been asked to declare if they support or oppose ending birthright citizenship. Here is a list of what the other 2016 presidential hopefuls have said this week about the issue."*

- NumbersUSA (sic), September 2, 2015

### Presidential Candidates FOR Ending Birthright Citizenship

#### Rand Paul

- Supported Vitter's bill to clarify that the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment means "a person born in the U.S. to illegal aliens *does not* automatically gain citizenship."

#### Rick Santorum

- "Other enticements to illegal immigration, such as birthright citizenship, should be ended."

#### Chris Christie

- "While birthright citizenship may have made sense at some point in our history, right now, we need to relook at all that. And it has to be relooked at in respect to the rule of law."

#### Lindsey Graham

- "I am not a big fan of the idea that you come and have a child, you are automatically a citizen."

#### Bobby Jindal

- "We need to end birthright citizenship for illegal immigrants."

#### Scott Walker

- "Yeah, to me [ending birthright citizenship] is about enforcing the laws in this country."

#### Ted Cruz

- Agreed with "virtually every element" of Trump's immigration plan
- "We should end granting automatic birthright citizenship to the children of those who are here illegally."

*Donald Trump* outlined his immigration plan with a paragraph under each of these comments:

- We need strong borders; we need a wall.
- Citizenship for illegal immigrants is a GOP suicide mission.
- 351,000 illegal aliens are in our prisons; costing \$1.1 billion.
- Anchor babies were NEVER the intent of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.
- Invite foreigners graduating from college to stay in the U.S.
- Put triple-layered fence and predator drones on the Mexican border.
- Control borders; even legal immigration should be difficult.
- Limit new immigration; focus on people already here.

## Presidential Candidates AGAINST Ending Birthright Citizenship

### *Marco Rubio*

- “I’m open to doing things that prevent people who deliberately come to the U.S. for purposes of taking advantage of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, but I’m not in favor of repealing it.”

### *Jeb Bush*

- “Mr. Trump can say he’s for this because people are frustrated that it’s abused. We ought to fix the problem rather than take away rights that are constitutionally endowed.”

### *George Pataki*

- “I don’t support amending the Constitution to kick out kids who were born here.”

### *Carly Fiorina*

- “It would take passing a constitutional amendment to get that changed. This is part of the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment. ...[H]onestly I think we should put all of our energies, all of our political will over finally getting the border secured and fixing the legal immigration system.”

### *Questionable Answer: John Kasich*

- “I think it remains dividing to people. ...I’m not for it anymore. Let these people who are born here be citizens and that’s the end of it. I don’t want to dwell there anymore.”

### ***Georgia GOP Congressmen Support Fix-Immigration Bills***

Of the many pieces of legislation proposed in Congress to restore control of legal immigration and stop illegal entry into the United States, NumbersUSA selected five bills with different issues as underlined below. Georgia GOP cosponsors and a sponsor are listed, also. If all five bills passed and were enforced, immigration and illegal entry issues could be controlled.

### ***Immigration Reform Legislation***

- H.R. 604 introduced 1-28-15 by Congressman Jody B. Hice (R-GA) to end chain migration, was cosponsored by five<sup>1</sup> Georgia congressmen. It’s in the House Judiciary Committee.
- H.R. 1147 introduced 2-27-15 by Congressman Lamar Smith (R-TX) to mandate E-Verify for employees was cosponsored by one Georgian, Congressman Loudermilk. It is in the House Judiciary, Ways & Means, and Education and Workforce Committees.
- H.R. 2278 introduced 5-12-15 by Congressman Bill Posey (R-FL) to end visa lottery has one Georgia cosponsor, Congressman Carter, and is in the House Judiciary Committee.
- H.R. 140 introduced 1-6-15 by Congressman Steve King (R-IA) to end birthright citizenship has 39 cosponsors (seven<sup>2</sup> from Georgia), is in the Judiciary and Immigration & Border Security Committees.
- H.R. 1148 introduced 2-27-15 by Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) to give states and local governments authority to enforce immigration laws. It’s in the House Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees and has four cosponsors<sup>3</sup>.

**ACTION – Support each bill. (a) Call 1 877 762-8762** and ask to be connected to the committee office. Then, request that the bills pass out of committee. **(b) Call the same number** to reach each congressman and thank them for sponsoring/cosponsoring the bills. Then encourage them to help move each bill out of committee.

<sup>1</sup> Congressmen Carter, Graves, Hice, Austin Scott, & Westmoreland

<sup>2</sup> Congressmen Carter, Collins, Graves, Hice, Austin Scott, Westmoreland, & Woodall

<sup>3</sup> Congressmen Carter, Collins, Graves, & Loudermilk

## ***Sanctuary Cities Defy the Law***

*“In Katy, Texas publicity about re-offending illegal aliens also put pressure on that city’s administration to rethink its sanctuary policy – at least for illegal aliens that commit felonies.”*

– “Sanctuary cities, what are they?” by Steve Salvi, OJJAPAC.org

In 1996 Congress passed the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act requiring local governments to cooperate with Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agents issuing detainers for illegal alien offenders in custody. However, many urban, suburban, and rural communities ignore the law and adopt so-called “sanctuary” policies, then, instruct city employees NOT to report to ICE any illegal aliens in their midst. Such policies, effectively, elevate illegal aliens to legal status, which gives them the benefits of citizenship, without fear of being picked up by federal agents.

Sanctuary locations may be identified *formally* by executive order, regulation, ordinance or policy, or *informally* by word-of-mouth, or when officials hire illegal aliens for local projects.

### ***Illegal Aliens are NOT Immigrants***

Some jurisdictions justify sanctuary under the guise of “immigrant rights,” but illegal aliens are not immigrants. An immigrant is a person who came here legally and maintains legal presence. Anyone who enters the U.S. illegally or violates visa restrictions is an unauthorized illegal alien subject to deportation under existing U.S. law.

Reportedly, the U.S. Department of Justice, which is supposed to uphold the law, has taken an above-the-law position by pressuring the Department of Homeland Security NOT to interfere with sanctuary policies that, by their existence, deliberately promote and practice lawlessness. Sanctuary jurisdictions that provide safe haven from ICE agents who request detainment of illegal aliens who have been arrested and jailed after breaking U.S. laws, epitomize lawless disdain for public safety, as well as defiance of State constitutions and the U.S. Constitution.

### ***340 Sanctuaries Released 9,295 Criminal Illegal Aliens in Nine Months***

Between January 1 and September 30, 2014, local sanctuaries released into the community 9,295 alien offenders scheduled for deportation by ICE. Over 600 were released at least twice. Of the criminal aliens released 5,947 (62 percent) had significant prior criminal histories; 59 percent with prior histories of concern, also had prior felony charges or convictions; 37 percent had serious prior misdemeanor charges; and 5 percent had multiple prior misdemeanors. So, they are not first-offender releases; they are dangerous repeat offenders, including felons.

As of last year, 6,460 (69 percent) of the 9,295 remained at large; and 1,377 (20 percent) had an additional criminal arrest following arrests that prompted ICE to issue requests to detain.

### ***Defiant Sheriff Released Murderer, Despite ICE Request-to-Detain***

An August 8, 2015 article<sup>1</sup> explained the arrest of Victor Aureliano Hernandez Ramirez and an accomplice in July 2015 for raping and bludgeoning 64-year-old Californian Marilyn Pharis, who died eight days later. In May 2014, under arrest for battery and in custody of the County Sheriff, Ramirez was *not detained* as ICE asked. ICE had scheduled him to be deported after the charges were resolved. California’s state sanctuary law went into effect January 1, 2014.

**ACTION – Support. (a) S. 1640** by Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL), companion bill to H.R. 1148. Both authorize states and cities to enforce immigration laws, including laws against sanctuary jurisdictions. S. 1640 is in Senator Chuck Grassley’s (R-IA) Senate Judiciary Com. Call toll-free 1 877 851-6437. **Also, (b) Support H.R. 1148** (info on page 2).

<sup>1</sup>“Feds Declined To Detain Illegal Alien Charged in Hammer Attack and Rape of California Woman,” *The Daily Caller*.

## ***Drop-in-to-have-a Baby: Birth Tourism<sup>1</sup> & Anchor Babies***

Probably, you've heard the term, "**anchor babies**," and, probably, you know it refers to babies born to illegal aliens in the U.S. The babies are called "**jackpot babies**," also, since an illegal alien who delivers a child on U.S. soil hits the jackpot – citizenship for the baby, benefits for the family. Pew Research reported 350,000 babies born in the U.S. between March 2009 and March 2010 to at least one illegal immigrant parent.

It's not unusual for Mexican women to apply for visitors' visas that allow border residents to travel inside a 25-mile zone in the U.S. for up to three days to shop, visit family, and give birth to an anchor baby. A CEO of McAllen Texas Medical Center near the border described seeing pregnant women "about to give birth that walk up to the hospital still wet from swimming across the river in actual labor ... dirty, wet, cold ... here to have a child in the United States."

**"Birth tourism" is a lucrative and booming business.** Birth tourists are foreigners who travel to this country to give birth that automatically bestows U.S. citizenship on the newborn, who is immediately qualified for a U.S. passport. Some estimate that 36,000 **birth tourists** come into the United States every year from all over the world. Reportedly, at least 500 companies operating in **China** offer birth tourism services into the U.S.

Earlier this year, federal agents investigated 37 locations in southern California involved with birth tourism that has been big business for years. In 2012 **Chinese nationals** gave birth to 10,000 babies in the U.S., up from 4,200 in 2008.

**Koreans** run dozens of birthing hotels in and around Los Angeles, and a 2010 article said the practice of **Nigerians** traveling to the U.S. to have a child is "spreading so fast it is close to becoming an obsession."

A **Turkish**-owned hotel group served 15 families last year in Manhattan *via* a \$45,000 "**birth tourism package**."

**Russians** prefer Florida, where birth tourists deliver about 40 to 60 babies in Miami *every month* to give U.S. citizenship to Russian children, in America's top-notch medical facilities. So, when the new U.S. citizen reaches age 21, relatives can follow as part of "chain migration."

In 2011, southern California city officials uncovered a makeshift maternity ward described as one "that primarily caters to **Chinese and Taiwanese**" birth tourists. A city official said he had seen makeshift maternity homes in cities throughout Los Angeles over his 13 years working for the city of San Gabriel, but this operation was the largest he had ever seen."

A woman born to a birth tourist in New York in 1989 returned to the U.S. at age 15 to attend U.S. taxpayer subsidized high schools in Idaho, Utah, and California. She had been taken back to Taiwan two months after being born and, though she is considered a U.S. citizen, she describes the U.S. as a "foreign country." She said, "I'm Taiwanese more than American."

Since the Constitution is being misinterpreted to allow this drop-in-to-have-a-baby scenario, Representative Steve King (R-IA) introduced H.R. 140 to clearly define citizenship in the U.S.

**ACTION – Support H.R. 140** (info on page 2)

<sup>1</sup>"Birth Tourists Come From Around the Globe," by Jon Feere, August 26, 2015