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BLACKBURN, KINGSTON CALL FOR ILLEGAL WORKER INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Representatives Marsha Blackburn (TN-7th District) and Jack Kingston (R-GA) today sent a letter to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Assistant Secretary Julie Myers requesting an investigation into illegal worker information related to the May 1st pro-illegal immigration rallies.

"We cannot condone illegal entry into this country and that's what we're being asked to do," Blackburn said. "These rallies are demanding that Americans simply ignore border security and accept mass lawbreaking. The federal government has an obligation to effectively address illegal entry into this country and we expect that obligation to be met."

Below is the letter regarding today's rallies.

May 1, 2006

Ms. Julie Myers, Assistant Secretary
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20536

Dear Ms. Myers,

As you are aware, pro-illegal immigration rallies are taking place throughout the United States today. Those organizing the rallies have encouraged illegal aliens to refrain from going to work as a sign of protest.

Too often, we presume that fault lies with the illegal migrant worker, but we need to recognize that the employer broke the law by hiring the illegal alien. We believe the Federal government has an obligation to enforce the nation's

immigration laws and must actively investigate any and all instances where it is apparent industries have knowingly and willingly hired those who entered this country illegally.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) should pursue the multiple reports in the news media today regarding companies which have been forced to halt operations because large numbers of their employees appear to be in the United States illegally and are participating in the protest rallies.

ICE has an obligation to use this public information to enforce immigration laws. We respectfully request that you look into this matter and report back to us on your findings.

Thank you for your immediate consideration to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Jack Kingston
Member of Congress

Marsha Blackburn
Member of Congress

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