



League of United Latin American Citizens

TITLE: THE DECRIMINALIZATION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM SEEKING

WHEREAS, those crossing the southern border are “not criminals.”

WHEREAS, they haven’t committed a crime against someone, and they are not acting violently or in a way that’s harmful to people.

WHEREAS, if you call them criminals, it’s a lot easier to get people to turn against them than if you call them undocumented immigrants

WHEREAS, asylum-seekers attempt to do what any human would do, which is to request asylum in between the ports of entry should not criminalized.

WHEREAS, crossing the border without proper authorization should still carry consequences, but a criminal charge unnecessarily brands immigrants as “criminals.

WHEREAS, entering the country illegally for the first time constitutes a misdemeanor that is punishable by up to six months in prison.

WHEREAS, additional violations can be pursued as felonies.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the League of United Latin American Citizens National Board, on behalf of its members, urge Members of Congress to

- Decriminalize the act of unauthorized entry into the U.S., leaving only a civil penalty.

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