

Immigration enforcement brings unintended results



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Sheriff P.J. Tanner is right. If we have deputies harassing Spanish-speaking workers, Hilton Head Island residents will discover it is not what they really want.

People may think they want their neighbors hauled away in the middle of work or late at night, parents torn apart from children born here, but they don't. It's not just personal concern for fellow human beings; it will affect business, especially tourism.

Tanner states that golfers won't have a tee-time because the grass won't be cut, and in restaurants, the wait will be long, if there is any service at all. I have been writing this for years, hoping the day wouldn't come. There are hotels that won't be cleaned and private homes where children and senior citizens won't be cared for.

It also could mean harassing U.S. citizens or those who obtained legal residency through marriage or the 1987 amnesty. It usually is the darker skinned, Spanish-speaking people who are stopped. I have known blond-haired people from England who are just as undocumented, coming on tourist visas long ago expired, but they are never stopped.

The solution is simple. Just deluge Congress with letters requesting a path to citizenship for our working families, then there would be no more undocumented workers. There's an added advantage. As soon as the workers have good Social Security numbers, they'll pay billions into our Social Security fund, helping us yet again.

So stop the program and write

Congress.

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