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State Legislators Launch Nationwide Effort to Halt the Misapplication of the 14th Amendment

Austin, TX—State Legislators for Legal Immigration (SLLI) coalition members Representative Leo Berman, Betty Brown and Dan Flynn announced the formation today of a nationwide task force that will develop model state legislation to eliminate the misapplication of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, as it has been utilized to secure citizenship for the children of illegal aliens and their families. Currently, illegal aliens are incentivized to cross our border to give birth and use their child to secure illegal benefits, residency and American jobs for themselves and for their families.

"When the 82nd Texas Legislature convenes, taking proactive steps against illegal immigration will be a top priority for me. My colleagues and I are work-ing diligently to formulate public policy proposals to protect taxpayers," commented Rep. Berman.

During an 1866 Congressional debate, U.S. Representative John Bingham, considered one of the fathers of the 14th Amendment, said "...every human being born within the jurisdiction of the United States of parents not owing allegiance to any foreign sovereignty is, in the language of your Constitution itself, a natural born citizen..." The mission of the 14th Amendment Citizens Model Committee is to deliver a comprehensive state resolution that all 50 state legislatures can use to address the misapplication of the 14th Amendment, which has created the anchor baby status. Due to the historic and constitutional issues involved, the Immigration Reform Law Institute (IRLI) will be providing legal research and analysis to ensure that the goals of the committee are successful on a constitutional level.

Rep. Flynn stated, "The people of Texas have made it clear that they want action on this important

challenge. While the federal government continues to shirk its duty, the fiscal and social costs of illegal immigration weigh heavily on Texans."

Founded in May 2007 by Pennsylvania State Representative Daryl Metcalfe (R-Butler County), SLLI is a national coalition of state lawmakers that was formed to demand full cooperation among federal, state and local governments to secure America's borders against unlawful invasion and to eliminate all economic attractions and incentives that continue to lure illegal aliens across America's unsecured borders.

Rep. Brown said, "We must join together to over-turn the misapplication of the 14th Amendment and reinstate the intent of the 14th Amendment to ban automatic citizenship for children of non-citizens."

"The misapplication of the 14th Amendment has incentivized foreign invaders to violate our border and our laws," said Metcalfe. "Anchor babies are one of the principal reasons that illegals are crossing and costing American taxpayers \$113 billion annually, or nearly \$1,117 yearly per individual taxpayer. State legislators must join together to end this 21st century abuse of children and our Constitution."

Including Texas, lawmakers from **41 state legislatures** have now signed on as members of SLLI. For the latest updates visit:

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"We are a nation of laws. We must have the courage – the fortitude – to enforce, with compassion but without apology, those laws that protect the integrity of our borders and the rights of our lawful citizens," said Arizona State Senator Russell Pearce and author of Senate Bill 1070.

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