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### Immigration pays

I received the Senate's message. Immigration crime pays. And pays big.

My wife is a legal immigrant from Mexico. How foolish we were. Now, the wisdom of the Senate instructs us to the correct and moral way. We will now tear up the green card, renounce the United States, wave the Mexican flag, return to Mexico, cross the border illegally back to the United States and reap the benefits.

Free health care, free education, no taxes, food stamps, housing assistance, and the filing of multiple lawsuits for discrimination. In addition, thumbing our noses at the dumb American citizen for allowing it to happen and diminishing the precious privilege of legal citizenship. The U.S. Senate has declared it worthless.

### Kevin Pintar, Boise

### Pay a living wage

I am infuriated by President Bush's statement that illegal aliens are taking jobs that American workers will not do. My family worked as migrant farm labor for years. We worked on ranches and farms doing all kinds of manual labor. We worked from sunup to sundown chopping weeds in cotton fields and in the autumn we would return to the fields to pick cotton. It was the advent of mechanical cotton pickers and other mechanical devices that finally caused the majority of migrant farm worker to seek other employment. If cheap, undocumented laborers were not available to pick crops, American ingenuity would produce a mechanical device to do the job.

There was an article in the Statesman that indicated that 500,000 low or unskilled workers were needed to support construction, cleaning staff, restaurant and landscaping businesses. The article also suggested that only 66,000 unskilled workers were required in support of agriculture. If this is the case, what are 10 million illegal immigrants doing in this country?

I think there are plenty of legal immigrants and native born Americans who would do any kind of work if paid a living wage. If the Senate rams their guest-worker (amnesty) program through with the immigration bill, I will not be voted for Craig or Crapo.

### Jess Taylor, Nampa

### No more refuse

There was a time when the United States needed large numbers of immigrants to populate the acquired territories

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during our years of the westward expansion. Those days are long gone and our need for new immigrants is likewise substantially gone.

A letter I received from Sen. Larry Craig stated that removal of illegal workers "would collapse entire U.S. industries."

Do we want any industry that depends on labor so cheap that no U.S. citizen will take the job? Wages that are competitive only in a third world country. If we support these industries aren't we saying that we want a segment of our population here in Idaho to live just one notch above the third-world standard?

There was a day when we boasted "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me." We have all of the poor we need. I don't want to huddle with the masses. No more wretched refuse please. We can't even help the homeless we already have, why would we ask for more?

**Doug Kandle, Boise**

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