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Tancredo: Pelosi Encourages the Violation of U.S. Immigration Law

Matricula Consular Now Accepted at San Francisco Federal Building

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Representative Tom Tancredo (R-CO) is outraged today that U.S. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) has endorsed a pilot program allowing a federal building in San Francisco to accept the Matricula Consular (identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate) as a legitimate form of identification for visitors.

"I know that we are not supposed to be surprised by even the most bizarre behavior emanating out of San Francisco, but we should at least be taken aback when a member of Congress from that area encourages people to violate the laws of this nation," said Tancredo.

According to recent newspaper accounts, Rep. Pelosi supported a plan to make the Phillip Burton Federal Building in San Francisco a much more unsafe facility by allowing illegal aliens entrance to the building after showing an identity card provided by a foreign government. These cards are being distributed by Mexican Consular officials throughout the United States in the hope that cities and states will accept them as proper identification, and that eventually all social services and related privileges, which are usually reserved for citizens, will be afforded to Mexican nationals here illegally. Mexican officials have stated that getting local governments to accept these cards is a way to maneuver around the U.S. Congress, which has so far blocked attempts to pass any amnesty provision for illegal aliens.

"It is extremely disconcerting to see agents of a foreign country actively trying to lobby American elected officials to aid and abet lawbreakers, but it is even more infuriating when cities and members of Congress become co-conspirators," concluded Tancredo.

The Phillip Burton Federal Building in San Francisco is the first of its type in the country to accept Mexican Consulate identification card. The building began accepting the cards today, Wednesday, January 8, 2003, as part of a four-month trial program, which will mainly serve illegal immigrants who are ineligible for U.S. identification.

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