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**Sneak of the Month:  
Thomas Perez,  
Labor Secretary  
Nominee**

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## Council Calls Into Question Border Security Statistics

Efforts by prominent Republicans and Democrats to force a bipartisan “compromise” down the throats of the American people have been stalled. The American people are clearly concerned about the prospects of our elected leaders granting amnesty to more than eleven million illegal aliens.

As we have reported previously, the current proposal is not significantly different from the 2007 amnesty bill promoted by

then-President Bush that was rejected overwhelmingly by the American people and the U.S. Congress.

Yet, the pro-amnesty forces persist in their campaign.

The U.S. Border Security Council has been monitoring the public statements and private actions by elected leaders so that our legislative action plan is al-



National Spokesman Steve LeBlanc and volunteers sort through boxes of “No Amnesty” petitions to get them ready for delivery to Congressional offices.

ways ready to counter the arguments of the pro-alien lobby.

“Make no mistake. Pro-amnesty groups are littering Capitol Hill with their latest media campaign and a steady stream of

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## Business Groups and Unions Oppose “Gang of Eight” Immigration Effort

Efforts to rush through Congress a pro-amnesty immigration package by the White House and a few Senate leaders hit a snag. The bipartisan “Gang of Eight” has been unable to get the business community and labor

unions to compromise over key policy points.

Efforts to push the immigration reform legislation broke down over the question of how to handle the future flow



Gang of Eight (left to right): Michael Bennet (D-CO), Richard Durbin (D-IL), Jeff Flake (R-AZ), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), John McCain (R-AZ), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Marco Rubio (R-FL), and Charles Schumer (D-NY).

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# We Want To Hear From You

**We Need Your Help!**

Dear Friend,

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and the bipartisan “Gang of Eight” Senators have been pushing for their package of comprehensive immigration reform. We simply call it by its name: amnesty. It didn’t work in 1986 when then-President Reagan granted it to illegal aliens living here. It won’t work now.

The U.S. Border Security Council is taking the fight directly to our elected leaders. Our petition campaign is something that Congressional offices cannot ignore. We are a nation that values the rule of law. We do not want to see illegal aliens — who flagrantly break our laws — rewarded with citizenship. Thank you for your support, and help us keep spreading the word!

Keep fighting for America,



Steven J. LeBlanc  
Former Sergeant, U.S. Army  
Operation Desert Storm Combat Veteran  
For the U.S. Border Security Council

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## ***SNEAK OF THE MONTH:*** **Department of Labor Secretary Nominee Thomas Perez**

Right before Congress left Washington for spring break, President Barack Obama nominated Thomas E. Perez as Secretary of the Department of Labor. Perez is a darling of the Left and has gone on public record in support of illegal immigrants’ rights.

His personal political beliefs are widely known. When he was serving on the Montgomery County (Maryland) Council, Perez advocated for day-laborer sites and pushed for IDs distributed by Mexico and Guatemala to count as proof of identity, even though allowing such IDs could give illegal immigrants easier access to government-funded services.

Perez has worked for the federal

government his entire career. He has worked at the U.S. Department of Justice, as Special Counsel to Senator Edward Kennedy on civil rights, criminal justice, and constitutional issues, and as a Clinton Administration Director of the Office for Civil Rights at the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

If confirmed by the Senate as Secretary of Labor, the U.S. Border Security Council would not expect his office to be a friend during the immigration reform debate. In fact, if his past record is any indication, he will be a strong pro-amnesty voice working behind the scenes to push for illegal alien rights.

In fact, it is not hard for us to

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*Labor Secretary nominee Thomas Perez*

imagine that initiatives (such as E-verify and other worker protections that serve to verify only those employees with legal status to work here) will not be the top of the priority list for the Labor Department under his leadership.

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letters to Senators and Representatives,” said National Spokesman Steve LeBlanc. “Having a constant supply of ‘No Amnesty’ petitions from our supporters to counter the pro-amnesty forces is vital.”

The latest pro-amnesty scheme is a dangerous re-tread of Senator Harry Reid’s “Amnesty Plus” legislation. The pro-amnesty legislation grants immediate amnesty to almost every illegal alien, and forever exempts them from deportation. Furthermore, these illegal immigrants will eventually be allowed to seek U.S. citizenship once a political commission issues a vague certification that our southern border has been secured.

“This month, we covered the hearings on the Hill about securing our southern border,” said

LeBlanc. “Although it’s not clear what exactly House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security chairwoman Candice Miller (R-MI) and ranking member Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) were expecting, the testimony offered by Department of Homeland Security officials fell far short of everyone’s expectations and adds a dangerous new spin on the amnesty game.”

Even after hearing the testimony of the Chief of U.S. Border Patrol and officials from U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Homeland Security, the only conclusion they reached was that while “enforcement statistics and economic indicators point to increased security and improved quality of life, no single metric can conclusively define the state

of border security.”

“In other words, they are committed to making the statistics say whatever the politicians want,” LeBlanc noted.

The Department of Homeland Security has not been willing to share its raw databases and analytics for independent analysis, but instead continues to proffer a series of facts that suggest trends rather than actually prove them.

“If this testimony is an example of the fuzzy analysis Members of Congress are using to qualify their pro-amnesty proposals, the American public should be concerned about the political agenda behind all of the statistics being used to report on the security of the nation’s 7,000 miles of land borders and 95,000 miles of coastline,” said LeBlanc.

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of legal immigrants into a low-skilled, year-round, temporary worker visa program. Leading business groups are clamoring for an expanded visa program to help meet their demand for labor, while unions claim they fear rights of American workers and fair wages are at risk by proposed policy changes.

Unions want the existing language that govern visas for high-tech, high-skilled worker and low-skilled, non-agricultural worker programs — known as H-1B and H-2B visas — to stay

in effect. The current wording states that “visas will be issued only when the employment of foreign workers will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of similarly situated workers in the United States.”

Meanwhile, many Senate and House Republicans are now accusing the unions of trying to kill any hope of a comprehensive immigration bill coming to the floor at all.

“The tit-for-tat surrounding comprehensive immigration

reform reminds me of the very worst kind of political maneuvering,” said National Spokesman Steve LeBlanc. “This is why the Council is 100% opposed to the proposals the Gang of Eight are out promoting. It won’t be legislation in the nation’s best interest. Rather, it will be another attempt at back-door amnesty — despite the will of a majority of Americans who think that illegal aliens should not be given a free pass.”

# Border Security News in Brief

## Cartels Use Low-Tech Tools to Out Smart Border Security

By air, land, and sea our border is threatened by the Mexican drug cartels.

News station *KTAR* in Arizona reported that cartels are using catapults to launch drugs into Arizona in addition to dropping marijuana bundles from ultralight aircraft.

Underground tunnels continue to be widely used to move illegal drugs into the United States. A former Border Patrol commander interviewed by the station said, "One of these days the entire city of Nogales is going to drop fifty feet because of so many tunnels beneath it."

The international border by sea is also under constant threat. The drug cartels are using ultralight submarines, called motherlode subs, and low profile boats, known as pangas, to smuggle drugs and people into our country. This problem is most evident along the coast of Southern California.

## Supreme Court Heard Arguments Against Arizona's Prop. 200

The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments about Arizona's Proposition 200. The Court will rule on whether or not the state of Arizona has the right to craft its own voting laws to prevent illegal immigrants from casting ballots. As a border state, Arizona has some of the strongest anti-immigration laws in the United States, and the voting rights case is the latest in

its efforts to deal with non-U.S. citizens illegally in the state.

Arizona is asking the court to uphold the state law that requires voters to provide physical proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate, passport, tribal forms, or a driver's license before voting.

Opponents of Arizona's law claim it violates the National Voter Registration Act.

Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne argued in favor of the law stating that the "honor system" is not strong enough to prevent voter fraud and that the state needs this protection to ensure only eligible voters cast ballots.

## Obamacare Expansion Causing Public Health Crisis As More Illegal Aliens Join Pool

The California HealthCare Foundation Center for Health Reporting is tracking the public health implications of Obamacare for our nation's most populous state. When the Affordable Care Act kicks in next year, approximately 1 million poor Californians will be added to Medi-Cal, the state's health insurance program for low-income residents. Statewide healthcare providers say they are already overwhelmed trying to serve the current Medi-Cal participants.

The number of medical professionals across the state will not be sufficient to serve the expanded Medi-Cal pool. In fact, many doctors in private practice do not accept Medi-Cal patients because they claim that

they lose money on the service. Medicare reimbursement rates for a patient visit range from \$60-120 dollars. In comparison, Medi-Cal only pays \$22. Experts are concerned that hospital ERs will be overwhelmed by patients seeking routine maintenance, not just life threatening emergency care.

Illegal immigrants are eligible for restricted Medi-Cal coverage. That means roughly 793,000 aliens (or over 10% of those enrolled in the managed health care program) receive benefits at the taxpayers' expense. This number will surely rise when the Obamacare expansion begins in 2014. How exactly this additional cost will be paid is anyone's guess.

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