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Worker-Freedom Group Continues to Oppose E-Verify

Controversial program would place undue burden on businesses

Recently, the Senate passed E-Verify legislation that requires all federal contractors and subcontractors to use the program to verify “all individuals hired under the term of the contract” which includes existing employees as well as new employees.

At a time of national economy uncertainty, it is irresponsible to push an anti-growth and anti-business legislation that will hamstring employers into compliance. If we are serious about stimulating the growth of our economy, we must give employers the flexibility to hire new workers to increase productivity – not tie their hands with government red tape.

The E-Verify program is significantly flawed and further hurts our domestic business owners.

- E-Verify creates high costs for businesses in a period of declining economic vitality. A U.S. Chamber of Commerce analysis concluded that a federal rule similar to that found in the stimulus currently, which requires federal contractors to use **E-Verify, would lead to net societal costs of \$10 billion a year.**
- Employers throughout our country are voicing their opposition to forced implementation of E-Verify. Small businesses take seriously their obligation to hire legal workers but, as many have pointed out, these businesses often do not have human resources departments. **Other business owners are calling E-Verify “extremely costly” and “disruptive” to the functioning of their companies.**
- Business owners are already coming forward with E-Verify “horror stories.” Ken Nagel, a Phoenix, Arizona restaurant owner wanted to hire his own native-born daughter and found, after putting her information in the system, E-Verify was unable to confirm her work eligibility.

AWF continues to urge all Members to oppose E-Verify

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