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Myrick Releases Illegal Alien DWI Stats To Help Push Passage of Scott Gardner Act Over 20% of Illegal Aliens booked in Mecklenburg and Gaston County Jails Were Arrested for DWI

(Washington, D.C.) — Today, Rep. Sue Myrick (NC-9) sent a letter to a House Homeland Security Subcommittee regarding the alarming and staggering statistics involving illegal aliens booked on DWI charges in Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties. The statistics were obtained through the 287(g) programs in both Gaston and Mecklenburg counties.

The statistics reveal that over 20 percent of illegal aliens booked into Mecklenburg or Gaston county jails were arrested for DWI. Rep. Myrick sent the letter in hopes of prompting the Subcommittee of jurisdiction to act on the Scott Gardner Act.

See the attached letter for full stats. Feel free to pull quotes to attribute to Rep. Myrick from the letter as well.

The Scott Gardner Act states that any illegal alien convicted of a DWI will face automatic deportation, after they have served their sentence. It also requires information on illegal alien drunk drivers be placed into the National Criminal Information Center so that repeat offenders won't fall through the cracks.

The Scott Gardner Act is named after Scott Gardner, a high school teacher from Gaston County, NC who was killed by an illegal alien, on July 16, 2005, who was drinking and driving. Scott's wife, Tina, has had significant brain damage and his two young children are being cared for by their grandparents.

There have also been other tragic cases involving illegal aliens drinking and driving. Jasmine Lawrence and Min Chang were both killed by illegal aliens who were drinking and driving on Charlotte area roads. 20 year old Leeanna Newman was killed just outside Charlotte when her car was struck by an illegal alien who later admitted to getting behind the wheel after drinking tequila. Leeanna's unborn child also perished in the wreck.

Scott Gardner Act Legislative Quick Timeline

July 16, 2005- Scott Gardner, a beloved school teacher from Gaston County, was killed by an illegal alien who was driving drunk.

September 14, 2005- Rep. Sue Myrick, along with Scott Gardner's mother Emily Moose, introduces Scott Gardner Act in the US House.

December 8, 2005- The Scott Gardner Act passed the US House unanimously as an amendment to the House immigration bill, H.R. 4437. However, the U.S. Senate never acted on this bill during the 109th Congress and it did not become law.

March 6, 2007- Rep. Myrick re-introduces the Scott Gardner Act for the 110th Congress. (The start of the 110th Congress meant that all previous unpassed bills were cleared from the books and had to be reintroduced as a new bill).

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