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### **Immigration change now**

To the editor -- Conservatives need to take the lead for a free enterprise, competitive-based agricultural guest worker program for all the right reasons, including Homeland Security. History has shown that workers from Mexico choose by the millions to enter legally rather than illegally. AgJOBS Act of 2009 is a beginning. Cato Institute's Daniel Griswold's "Bipartisan Visa Program Could Fix Nations Illegal Immigration Mess" explains it well.

We do not need a comprehensive immigration reform bill because history will repeat itself. The unions, Chicago cronies and big-dollar donors to the Democrats would get undeserved exemptions. You would have to pass it to know what's in it. It would be 2,000 pages and cost the taxpayer trillions while it saves us all money. It would morph into a social engineering experiment with results like bankrupt Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. It would be enforced like the SEC did Wall Street and managed like Obama did the oil spill.

No status quo. We need secure borders. We need workers to be competitive, productive, flexible and with upward mobility. We need employers to be safe, profitable and create more jobs. We need a simple bill to implement, monitor and change if it does not work.

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