

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Immigration restrictions hurt the economy *Re: "Obama faces backlash on his immigration plan," July 8* First it was Byron York, now Chris Stirewalt. Why does *The Examiner* continue to spread lies that pander to the biases of the Republican base instead of doing its part to inform people that immigration reform is the principled conservative thing to do? The conservative Cato Institute had this to say on reducing the number of low-skilled immigrant workers: "A policy that reduces [them] by 28.6 percent ... would reduce U.S. household welfare by about 0.5 percent, or \$80 billion." That's \$80 billion taken out of our collective pockets by restrictive immigration policy. If you are going to talk about immigration as an economic issue for the middle class, remind people that they are better off with more immigration, not less.

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