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Prominent Latino Leader Records Illegal Immigration Ad for Bucher

Ad features story of Dane County cocaine dealer released under Falk treatment program

Anselmo Villarreal, one of Waukesha County's most prominent community leaders, is featured in Paul Bucher's next radio advertisement, a spot that discusses Bucher's leadership on illegal immigration and exposes how a Dane County illegal immigrant drug dealer was sentenced to an "alternatives to incarceration" program touted by Kathleen Falk.

In the ad, which begins airing Tuesday, Villarreal says in part: "Paul Bucher believes that if an illegal immigrant commits a crime, they should be sent home after doing their time. I agree. They are not contributing to the quality of life we enjoy in America. I commend Paul Bucher's leadership. He's the only candidate for Attorney General with a plan to deal with illegal immigrants who commit crimes."

Bucher's ad features the case of Manuel Arguijo, a Dane County cocaine dealer and weapons offender verified by federal immigration authorities as an illegal immigrant. By the time Arguijo was finally deported this spring, he'd already committed five felonies in Wisconsin over almost two decades.

Bucher's illegal immigration plan would fix the blind spot that allows illegal immigrants like Arguijo to repeatedly commit crimes at the County Jail level because severely understaffed federal immigration officials focus their resources on the prisons. The Bucher advertisement also raps Falk for her "don't ask, don't tell" ordinance in Dane County that bans law enforcement and court personnel from asking about immigration status in some cases. "If the Manuel Arguijo case doesn't prove that Kathleen Falk's catch and release philosophy of law enforcement endangers public safety, I don't know what will," Bucher said.

Arguijo, already a felon drug dealer from a 1988 offense, was convicted in 1999 in Dane County of three felonies for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Although he was an illegal immigrant, Arguijo was sentenced to probation. His probation was revoked. He was then sentenced to an "alternatives to incarceration" program that Falk has championed. That placement was revoked, and he was sentenced to work release jail. Arguijo, classified under the law as a habitual criminal, remained started dealing cocaine. He was convicted of that offense, his fifth felony in Wisconsin, on May 14, 2004. The prison term finally brought him to the attention of federal immigration authorities, who interviewed him at that time, and deported him this May after he served his time. Bucher said Arguijo should have been removed from this country after serving his time on his first felony and certainly shouldn't have been a candidate for community release.

Falk has touted the alternatives to incarceration program in an op-ed to a Madison newspaper saying: "... *We began unique programs here in Dane County that hold people accountable and provide treatment, so they don't commit the same crimes again. These programs are smarter on crime, they are smarter on human lives, and they work.*"

"She should explain to the public why releasing illegal immigrant drug dealers who possess firearms into the community is a smart way of dealing with crime," Bucher said.

Bucher is the only candidate in the Attorney General's race who supports the AG getting the legal power to perform immigration functions. He will request special immigration authority known as a 287g partnership through Homeland Security (http://www.ice.gov/partners/287g/Section287_g.htm). Seven jurisdictions nationwide have entered the successful partnerships, with the first being the state of Florida in 2002. In Arizona, the state saved \$1.6 million the first

year it implemented the partnership, according to ICE. Bucher has also requested the authority for Waukesha County, becoming only about the 12th pending request in the country.

Currently, the AG does not have the power to play a role in illegal immigration because immigration violations are matters of federal law. Bucher's primary opponent, JB Van Hollen, has repeatedly stated that illegal immigration is a federal matter, and that, unlike Bucher, he believes the AG should not get the legal authority necessary to play a role. He told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on July 2, 2006: "Promising to the taxpayers of Wisconsin that the (state) Department of Justice is going to take over a role that rightly belongs to the federal government is not credible. The federal government doesn't have the resources it needs for the problem. This is something the state cannot possibly uphold."

The Democrats in the race, Falk and Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager, have criticized Bucher's plan as divisive and even racist.

But Villarreal said he supports Bucher's illegal immigration plan - which would target criminals - because it's "common sense and the right thing to do. Illegal immigrants who commit crimes have no right to stay in this country." Villarreal, the executive director of a prominent non-profit community organization in Waukesha County who serves on national and state boards working for the betterment of the Latino Community, supports Bucher's campaign for Attorney General in his personal capacity. For years, Bucher has handed out the youth of the year award for Villarreal's organization, among other activities.

Bucher was humbled by Villarreal's support. "Anselmo Villarreal is one of the most respected community leaders in the state, and he has tirelessly worked to better Waukesha County. I consider him a friend. I also think that he's adding a very important voice to the illegal immigration debate in this state: A voice for common sense. When you step back and think about it, why would anyone not support the state playing a role in getting illegal immigrants who commit crimes out of this country? It's state taxpayers who are paying the incarceration costs, and it's Wisconsin residents who are being victimized."

The state Department of Corrections has estimated that 1,100 illegal immigrants were in state prison last year alone, at a cost of \$26,000 a year. Although not a perfect estimate, it's the best the state has. The state has no idea how many illegal immigrants are in jails.

Radio Script:

Anselmo Villarreal: Twenty-two years ago, I immigrated to this country from Mexico. Legally. My name is Anselmo Villarreal, and I run a community group in Waukesha. That's where I saw Paul Bucher's passion for helping youth and upholding the law. Paul Bucher believes that if an illegal immigrant commits a crime, they should be sent home after doing their time. I agree. They are not contributing to the quality of life we enjoy in America.

Paul Bucher: Hi. I'm Paul Bucher, candidate for Attorney General. My friend Anselmo is talking about illegal immigrants like Manuel Arguijo, a major drug trafficker, who was convicted in Dane County and then released and arrested again after he had firearms in his possession. My opponent Kathleen Falk believes cops shouldn't ask criminals like Arguijo if they're in this country illegally. She calls it don't ask, don't tell. Well, I call it outrageous. All my life, I've worked to uphold the rule of law. If you're in this country illegally, and you commit crimes, I say, start packing, you're going home.

Anselmo Villarreal: I commend Paul Bucher's leadership. He is the only candidate for Attorney General with a plan to deal with illegal immigrants who commit crimes.

Audio of this radio spot can be found here: <http://www.bucherforag.org/Domains/bucher/files/BucherRadio2.mp3>