



What Therefore God Has Joined, Let No Man Put Asunder

Matthew 19:6

Join <City name> and Cities Around America in a

National Day to Reunite Families of American Citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents

*** Sunday, May 14th ***

Mother's Day Town Hall Meeting

2 pm – 4 pm

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City, State



Please pray for American children

Separated from their parents

Please tie a red, white, and blue ribbon

Round ~~the old oak tree~~ ^{ANY}

To bring our families home

To learn more about how you can help reunite families please visit our web sites:
www.americanfamiliesunited.com and www.unitefamilies.org

Why Isn't Marriage Compatible with American Law?

The Problem

Congress is debating comprehensive immigration reform, with stricter enforcement, hundreds of thousands of guest worker visas and an earned legalization program: what passes **MUST REFLECT OUR NATIONAL VALUES** or else it should not pass.

Current immigration law forces more than a million Americans, both U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents, to choose between obeying the law or their marriage vows and obligations as parents of young children. **THAT IS WRONG.**

Yet U.S. citizens and **LEGAL** immigrants must pay joint income taxes for their spouses, while Congress **REFUSES** to deliver the visas it promises to American families. Corporate lobbyists can get Congress to jump: why can't we get Congress to vote on making immigration law consistent with Matthew 19:6 "What therefore God has joined, let no man put asunder?"

The Facts

For more than forty years, Congress has promised that when a legal permanent resident marries, the spouse will be part of this new American family. Yet Congress promises more than it delivers. There are now more than a million husbands and wives, parents and small children who must wait a **MINIMUM** of nearly five years, and often as much as ten, before Congress delivers.

EVEN U.S. CITIZENS are victims of Congress' failure. When a U.S. citizen marries a foreign student or visitor, it can take years for the immigration paperwork -- and yet as soon as they are married, that **AMERICAN** family may be exiled for 3 years, 10 years, or even **PERMANENTLY**, should the immigrant spouse leave the country, **EVEN IF THEY HAVE A VALID RETURN VISA.**

These are the worst anti-marriage, anti-family, and anti-immigration provisions of U.S. law.

The Solution

Congress must re-write the law to 1) treat the spouses and minor children of legal permanent residents as the "immediate relatives" that they are and 2) get the bureaucracy out of the way of U.S. citizens who marry immigrants.

FOR IMMIGRATION LAWS TO WORK THEY MUST BE BASED ON OUR VALUES, which means the rule of law must support American families.