Tom McClintock strongly opposes immigration reform and multiculturalism and has consistently taken positions and voted for legislation which negatively affects our immigrant population. Examples include: support for a border wall, ending birth right citizenship, opposition to all amnesty legislation and opposition to release of low-risk illegal immigrants.

McClintock’s voting record below demonstrates the lack of empathy and disregard for the dire consequences to our immigrants, the local economy and the culture of our greater community.

- Voted against funding to increase numbers of refugees and non-agricultural guest workers (HR 2029). These persons contribute to our economy and often fill positions unwanted by our citizens.

- Cosponsored HR 1868 to deny citizenship to U.S. born children of immigrants. These children are currently legal citizens of the United States and are assets to our community.

- Voted against military amnesty for enlisted illegal immigrants (HR 1735). Not only do they sacrifice themselves for our country but replenish the dwindling number of voluntary service personnel.

- Voted to defund amnesty for illegal immigrants including denial of federal benefits, elimination of prosecutorial discretion and criteria for deportation (HR 240 Amendment).

Republican immigration reform efforts are having a detrimental impact on immigrant workers and the farmers that need them.

A New York Times article, March 2014, suggests that farmers and owner related businesses are losing a significant percentage of the work force they depend on. The paralysis of immigration policy is discouraging new immigrant workers. A large portion of the current agricultural work force is aging and is not being replaced by younger workers and is causing cost of goods and services to rise. These labor shortages make it impossible for farmers to increase production and compete effectively with foreign importers. Nationally, farmers are losing $1.4 billion in income annually due to lack of labor.

The Western Growers Association reports that many of its members may withhold contributions from Republicans in congressional races because of the party’s stance on comprehensive immigration reform.