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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Illegal immigration is illegal

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SHELL ROCK -- Someone protesting the detainment of alleged illegal immigrants was quoted as saying, "We're not here to break the law, we just want to work." Inherently, if you are here illegally, the law has been broken. Roughly 5 percent of this group is being charged with further crime. In Los Angeles, over 40 percent of felony warrants are for illegal aliens. How come these people are allowed to assemble and protest and the American counter-protesters were told to disband? Where are our rights to the Social Security for which our seniors have paid taxes, for affordable health care unburdened by the influx of TB and leprosy, an education taught in our language and a legal system that is not overtaxed past the danger point?

Imagine Mr. and Mrs. America coming home after work to an increased tax bill, wondering how to pay the mortgage or family health care, not to mention grocery or gas bills and finding an intruder demanding $3,000 per year from each member of the family, just because they're in the house. Try going to another country and demanding this care. You'd be locked away forever.

I've nothing against legal immigrants (or sending humanitarian aid to these countries). Ellis Island was teeming with honest men and women who built this country by obeying the law. They weren't granted amnesty simply because they left everything behind and were present.