

Date:	Mon, 16 Oct 2006 08:48:59 -0700
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Subject:	Re: A Letter to Mr. Friedman

Dear Mr. Kowalczyk:

I enjoyed receiving your letter. This is the second case of precisely the same kind I have been informed of. The other was by a student at Duke University in North Carolina whose experience sounds exactly like yours.

I have looked at your webpage and enjoyed doing so. Clearly we are speaking the same language.

Immigration is a particularly difficult subject. There is no doubt that free and open immigration is the right policy in a libertarian state, but in a welfare state it is a different story: the supply of immigrants will become infinite. Your proposal that someone only be able to come for employment is a good one but it would not solve the problem completely. The real hitch is in denying social benefits to the immigrants who are here. That is very hard to do, much harder than you would think as we have found out in California. But nonetheless, we clearly want to move in the direction that you are talking about so this is a question of nitpicking, not of serious objection.

Thank you for writing.

Cordially,

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