

Resolution Against Anti-Immigrant Legislation 2006

WHEREAS, the Progressive Librarians Guild supports immigrants' rights,

WHEREAS, anti-immigrant measures deleteriously affect the immigrant community, regardless of legal status or citizenship status,

WHEREAS, the Sensenbrenner Bill - H.R. 4437 is totally punitive in trying to make felons out of undocumented immigrants, denying them any human, civil, working, or due process rights; seeking to make criminals out of people who aid undocumented immigrants, including clergy, health care workers, teachers, and possibly librarians; gives no recognition of the significant contributions immigrants make to our local and national economies and to our communities; and was passed by the United States House of Representatives on December 16, 2005 by a vote of 239-182 <http://www.nclr.org/content/policy/detail/35618/> and has been sent to the Senate,

WHEREAS, Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Specter (R. Pennsylvania) has drawn upon existing bills and the Sensenbrenner bill into a draft bill, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, which is currently being debated in the Senate; therefore be it

RESOLVED that, the Progressive Librarians Guild does not support Senator Specter's bill, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006; be it further

RESOLVED that, the Progressive Librarians Guild will take immediate action to alert the Senate about their position on this legislation; be it further

RESOLVED that the Progressive Librarians Guild will alert and encourage its members to contact the Senate in opposition of this and any future similar anti-immigrant legislation; be it further

RESOLVED that the Progressive Librarians Guild will alert its members to take an active part in the education of members' communities about immigration and social justice for Latino and other immigrant communities; be it further

RESOLVED that the Progressive Librarians Guild will promote libraries as sites and library workers as providers of citizen education about immigration issues and encourage library workers to act as advocates for the education of undocumented immigrants about their human rights.

*Approved by the PLG Coordinating Committee on March 15, 2006,
and based on Isabel Espinal's original draft.*