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**Wyden-Merkley DACA Publicity Stunt Today - Oregon GOP Responds
“Public Safety and Border Security First, DACA Later”**

Wilsonville, OR – In a statement, Oregon Republican Party Chairman Bill Currier reacted today to the DACA publicity stunt held today by Oregon Democrat Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley in Portland:

“President Trump has clearly conveyed his understanding and sympathy for the circumstances of illegal aliens who were brought to the US as minors, but now it is up to Congress to do the job that President Obama and Congress should have done years ago. Instead of rolling up their sleeves in Washington D.C., Senators Wyden and Merkley seem more interested in a pointless publicity stunt than finding common ground in the Senate to pass legislation addressing the issue,” stated Oregon GOP Chairman Bill Currier.

“By the way, what good is a law on DACA if the practice of illegal entry by minors isn’t ended so this isn’t a never-ending problem? To do this, real border security, including an effective border wall and an end to criminal illegal alien sanctuaries, is a prerequisite,” asked Currier. “After all, why make a new law when immigration laws need not be followed anyway?”

At the DACA Advocacy event, Senator Merkley was [quoted](#) as saying that “It’s completely unacceptable that we have placed them (those covered under DACA) in this limbo.” Senator Wyden [added](#), “The bottom line for me, I see these youngsters as part of Oregon’s dream team.”

“Senators Wyden and Merkley seem to lack the same sympathy for Oregon’s victims of illegal alien crime. They’ve done much worse than leave Oregon’s U.S. Citizen victims of illegal alien crime in limbo, they’ve forgotten them altogether on the altar identity politics,” added Currier. “Where is their meeting with the victims of Sergio Jose Martinez? Why won’t either Senator support HR 3004, Kate’s Law, to clamp down on repeat criminal illegal alien re-entries?”

“Senator Wyden, when are Oregon’s citizens going to make it on your ‘dream team?’ It’s time for Public Safety and Border Security First - DACA Later.”

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