

and then hold their feet to the fire and find out why.

*Christopher Logan
Eugene*

YEARNING FOR FREEDOM

Have you ever desired freedom, happiness or a better life for your family? In America we celebrate our unalienable rights every day. I ask you to consider what it would feel like to be an alien or an outsider who is continuously crucified for simply desiring freedom.

Immigrants come to the U.S. in exploration of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as American citizens did when they fled Great Britain. As Americans,

however, we view these people as a threat to our nation and therefore create a 2,000-mile-long fence guarded by law enforcement to keep immigrants out. The cost of this wall could provide immigrants with all their basic needs. But instead, we allow their blood to spill easily on our hands by creating such an enormous barrier. Immigrants are people regardless of their country of origin.

I am angry, I am disappointed and I am tired. I want to live in a world where there is peace amongst all people, a world where a wall doesn't keep me from seeing my family. I ask you to reflect one more time about how you would feel if your human

rights were taken from you.

The current immigration reform is not enough! We need a new immigration reform policy that advocates for saving lives and giving everyone a better chance at that life.

*Selam Wako
Eugene*

LEASH YOUR BEAST

A few months ago, a huge red Doberman bounded around a bend on a local trail and scared the bejeezus out of me. I called to the owner to leash his dog and he refused.

Yesterday, I was confronted by a large black dog growling at me on the same trail.

The dog snarled and lunged at me several times while the owner watched from 20 yards away. I called to her to leash her dog, but she also refused. In fact, she implied that I caused the dog's behavior by being afraid of it.

I know all dogs and owners aren't as bad as these two examples, but there's no way for me to tell when approaching on a trail if you're a good one or a bad one. All I can see is whether your dog is leashed, which tells me if I'm more likely to be safe passing you.

Please follow the law and be considerate to others: Leash your dog.

*Ben Grieger
Eugene*

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