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JOAN MCCARTHY LASONDE ON IMMIGRATION DECISION:

Right legal decision. Wrong policy result. Let's fix it.

WILMETTE, Ill.—In last week's split decision, the United States Supreme Court effectively blocked implementation of President Obama's executive order to protect as many as five million illegal immigrants from deportation. That makes it imperative for Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform including a path to normalization for most of those already here – a goal with broad bipartisan support in Illinois.

Strictly as a legal matter, the Court's action was an appropriate recognition of fundamental principles of separation of powers. The President simply does not have the constitutional authority to make law by executive fiat, which President Obama has done repeatedly through executive orders not authorized by Congress.

But to round up millions of individuals for deportation who we let in with a wink and a nod, breaking up families in the process, is neither right nor feasible.

When I am elected to Congress I will vote to do what's right the right way – through legislation. I will fight, however, for strict border enforcement to prevent this crisis from expanding. I also will oppose expanding the quota of Syrian refugees, as President Obama has proposed, and work particularly hard to block expansion of that number to 100,000, as my opponent has proposed. Extreme caution on that issue has become essential in light of the month's warning from defense officials that ISIS is infiltrating refugee groups. Europe's disastrous experience with refugees prone to radicalization must not be repeated here.

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