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Tancredo Hails Conviction in McDocument Fraud Case
Penalty of \$1 Million Served

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-Littleton) today responded to reports that a large [McDonald's](#) franchisee pleaded guilty in federal court to supplying illegal workers with false identification and agreed to pay a \$1 million fine. The case, which follows a work-site raid last year that swept up 58 immigrant workers at 11 [McDonald's](#) outlets in Reno, Nev., is the first conviction involving a franchisee of a major restaurant chain.

“This might be the first conviction of its kind, but I can assure you it won’t be the last,” Tancredo said. “I was pleased with the significance of the fine, and even more thrilled that two of the masterminds are facing potential prison time. We should send a clear message that these unscrupulous practices will have ‘supersized’ consequences.”

Tancredo has pressured the Department of Homeland Security to do more worksite enforcement since he founded the Congressional Immigration Reform Caucus in 1999. In fiscal 2007, more than 4,000 arrests were made for administrative immigration violations at factories and plants, a tenfold increase over 2002.

“McDonald’s Corporation’s claim that this is an isolated incident is highly questionable,” Tancredo concluded. “The more the Administration has enforced the workplace laws, the more common these practices seem to appear. One thing they could do to show their commitment to a legal workforce is to require their franchisees to use E-Verify.”