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Letter: Threat from within

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Americans live in a world of many threats from abroad. One of the least understood or talked about is marriage fraud. Foreign nationals will marry American citizens solely to gain entry into the United States.

Thanks to the Violence Against Women Act, safeguards that once protected U.S. citizens from this type of fraud have been largely swept away.

There are Web sites that instruct foreigners how to circumvent U.S. law by using VAWA and an abundance of attorneys who specialize in distorting the well-meaning intent of this law.

While we wage war in Afghanistan and Iraq to combat terrorism, this insidious form of terrorism is taking its toll on American citizens inside our own borders.

Don't count on help from your government or elected officials, you will be met with indifference or open hostility. Chief among this group is Sen. Sam Brownback. Only Ted Kennedy has a more liberal voting record on this issue.

This elitist group has tuned a blind eye to fraud perpetrated against their own honest, hard-working citizens, while claiming to do so in the name of justice and fair play.

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