



Dad of girl disabled by illegal alien calls out Democrats' made-for-TV sympathy

The father of a young girl left permanently disabled in a crash involving an illegal alien truck driver unloaded on congressional Democrats Tuesday, accusing lawmakers of offering sympathy in public while supporting policies he says helped create the conditions that devastated his family.

“I reject your guys’ sympathy, to be honest with you,” Marcus Coleman [told](#) Democrats during a House Judiciary Committee hearing.

Coleman’s daughter, Dalilah, was five years old when an illegal alien from India driving an 18-wheeler struck her in June 2024. She survived the crash but suffered permanent injuries.

Coleman said the experience has left him furious with lawmakers who defend sanctuary policies and immigration rules that allow illegal aliens to remain in the country and, in some cases, enter industries such as commercial trucking.

“There’s no way you guys are sorry,” Coleman told lawmakers. “Not one of you guys have ever called me. Not one of you guys have ever reached out to me. Not one of you guys have ever sat there and seen me in the hallways and said, ‘Hey, sorry about your daughter.’”

He accused Democrats of showing concern only when cameras were rolling.

“You guys do it right here while you guys are grandstanding on top of your soapbox,” Coleman said. “This is when you guys care. Right here inside this room is the only time you guys care.”

The driver who struck Dalilah obtained a commercial driver’s license in California, a sanctuary state that has faced intense scrutiny over licenses issued to noncitizens and questions about whether drivers were properly vetted and qualified before getting behind the wheel of commercial vehicles.

Dalilah’s case has since become part of a broader push by President Trump and congressional Republicans to tighten commercial driving requirements for illegal aliens.

President Trump highlighted Dalilah during his State of the Union address while promoting Dalilah’s Law, legislation aimed at restricting the ability of illegal aliens to obtain commercial driver’s licenses.

The proposal comes amid growing concern in Washington over deadly crashes involving foreign-born commercial drivers, along with allegations of fraud, inadequate English-language testing and weak enforcement at some trucking schools and licensing systems.

For Coleman, however, the debate is far more personal than a dispute over regulations or immigration statistics.

“My daughter doesn’t deserve this,” he told the committee. “She didn’t ask for any of this.”

Coleman then directed his anger at people who enter the United States illegally and the politicians he believes enabled them.

“The people that jumped the fence did though,” he said.

“They knew exactly what they were doing,” Coleman added. “They still chose to move forward in that direction. And every day something’s happening to somebody, and it is your guys’s fault.”

His testimony turned what could have been another partisan immigration hearing into a blistering confrontation over the human cost of the country’s border and sanctuary policies, with Coleman making clear that expressions of sympathy were no substitute for changing the policies he believes allowed his daughter’s tragedy to happen.