



# THE PROENGLISH Advocate

## ProEnglish Is Very Proud To Announce That 2019 Marks Our 25th Anniversary!



ProEnglish originally was established as 25 years ago, and in the ensuing quarter-century our mission and our objectives have always remained the same: to be the nation's leading advocate for official English; to work through the courts and in the court of public opinion to defend English's historic role as America's common, unifying language; and to persuade lawmakers to adopt English as the official language at all levels of government.

ProEnglish is very proud to have been able to have several meetings directly in the White House with a variety of aides to both President Trump and Vice President Pence about a new Executive Order to effectively repeal and replace former President Clinton's onerous EO 13166 that mandates taxpayer-funded foreign language translations and interpretations for all federally-funded agencies and contractors.

ProEnglish is also proud of its perseverance and tenacity on Capitol Hill as we seek passage of the English Language Unity Act to make English the official language of federal governmental operations.

ProEnglish continues to strive to add to the list of 32 states that have passed official English legislation.

ProEnglish is pleased by its victories all across the nation to stem the tide of multilingual education programs, including those in California, Arizona, and Massachusetts, as led by ProEnglish Board of Directors Chair, Dr. Rosalie Porter, who also testified in Congress before the U.S. House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution.

ProEnglish celebrates its many court victories, including *Escamilla v. Cabrera* at the Arizona Supreme Court, and also *Arizonans for Official English v. Arizona*, *Sandoval v. Alexander*, and *Home v. Flores*, all at the United States Supreme Court.

ProEnglish has proclaimed its advocacy for official English throughout the media, including in the *Washington Post*, *Washington Times*, *Washington Examiner*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Boston Globe*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Houston Chronicle*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, as well as on *Fox News*, *CNN*, *MSNBC*, *National Public Radio*, *Breitbart News*, *Salem Media*, *Sirius XM Satellite Radio*, *American Family Radio*, *Voice of America*, and the *BBC*. ProEnglish also has a very active social media and e-mail presence, including more than 160,000 Facebook fans and more than 100,000 active e-mail members.

ProEnglish is very proud of all that it has accomplished over the past 25 years, and we look forward to accomplishing so much more in the next 25!

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## ProEnglish Honors The Memory Of Dr. John H. Tanton



Dr. John H. Tanton, M.D., a founder of ProEnglish, an ophthalmologist, a nationally-recognized conservationist, an author, and an essayist, died this summer in Michigan. He was 85 years old.

Dr. Rosalie P. Porter, the Chair of the Board of Directors of ProEnglish, paid tribute to her longtime friend and mentor:

“John Tanton was a brilliant thinker, writer, and seer into the future. 25 years ago he believed that English, the tie that traditionally united Americans regardless of ethnicity or creed, was being gradually undermined by multilingualism. Motivated by a patriotic concern for preserving a truly ‘United States’ he founded ProEnglish with the late Bob Park, Leo Sorensen, and Gerda Bikales. Their main goal was to enact English as the official language of United States federal government operations. While he did not live to see this goal accomplished, he was deeply satisfied that over the past 25 years 32 states have enacted their own official English statutes.”

In addition to ProEnglish, Dr. Tanton also was involved in a wide range of other projects over many decades, especially those involving environmental issues. In 1975, his essay entitled “Human Migration” won the Mitchell Prize and was featured on the cover of *The Ecologist*.

ProEnglish offers its deepest condolences to Dr. Tanton’s devoted wife, Mary Lou, as well as to his personal family, to his wide circle of friends, and also to his even wider “family” of colleagues who labored with him on his many causes. We salute Dr. Tanton and we honor his memory. He will be greatly missed, and always remembered.



ProEnglish Executive Director Stephen Guschov and Director of Government Relations Dan Carter recently returned to the White House to continue discussions regarding official English legislation and also to continue to advocate for President Trump to sign a new Executive Order to effectively repeal and replace former President Clinton’s onerous Executive Order 13166 that requires foreign language translations and interpretations for all federally-funded agencies and contractors.

ProEnglish now has met 6 times with different aides to President Trump and Vice President Pence at the White House concerning official English legislation and new Executive Orders.

President Trump recently stated that “to promote integration, assimilation, and national unity, future immigrants will be required to learn English and to pass a civics exam prior to admission” as part of his new immigration proposal. As well, Vice President Pence was a co-sponsor of the English Language Unity Act on five occasions when he was a member of Congress from Indiana.

ProEnglish greatly appreciates these multiple White House meetings, and will continue to work closely with the White House to advocate for more official English legislation and new Executive Orders.

## ProEnglish Returns To White House To Discuss Executive Orders

## Trump Administration To Favor Self-Sufficient Immigrants Proficient In English



Under a new regulation set to be enforced by the Trump administration, self-sufficient immigrants who are proficient in English will be favored for green cards to permanently remain in the USA over those who are non-English speakers and reliant on welfare.

Acting United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) Director Ken Cuccinelli stated that the Trump administration will establish what is known as the “Public Charge” rule, and among the positive factors that will help secure a green card for an immigrant is the ability to speak English.

“DHS will consider whether the alien is proficient in English or proficient in other languages in addition to English as part of the public charge inadmissibility determination,” the regulation states. “People who spoke a language other than English at home were less likely to be employed, and less likely to find full-time work when employed.”



## Sen. Marsha Blackburn Co-Sponsors English Language Unity Act

Sen. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee is the newest co-sponsor of the English Language Unity Act in the United States Senate in the 116th Congress.

The bill is also known as S. 678.

S.678 designates English as the nation's official language of governmental operations and establishes a uniform language requirement for the citizen naturalization process.

S.678 had 7 supporters in the U.S. Senate in the 115th Congress, and ProEnglish seeks even greater support of the bill in the Senate in the 116th Congress.

The House companion bill to S. 678 is H.R. 997. It has been filed in the U.S. House of Representatives in the 116th Congress and already is attracting new co-sponsors.

The passage of official English legislation in S. 678 and H.R. 997 will save Americans billions of dollars in current, government-mandated translation and interpretation costs and will encourage cultural and linguistic assimilation by new arrivals to our nation.

A Rasmussen Reports poll sponsored by ProEnglish showed that 81% of Americans believe that English should be the official language of the United States.

## Puerto Rico Seeks Statehood Amid Government Crisis



A Florida congressman and Puerto Rico's non-voting representative have introduced a new bill in the 116th Congress that seeks to make Puerto Rico the 51st state; however, we are pleased to inform you that the English Language Unity Act currently has more co-sponsors in Congress than the Puerto Rico statehood bill.

The Puerto Rico Admission Act of 2019 was sponsored by Rep. Darren Soto of Florida and Puerto Rico Resident Commissioner Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon. The bill seeks to grant Puerto Rico statehood within 90 days of passage.

Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rossello, who will be resigned on August 2, 2019, supported the statehood bill. In the past Gov. Rossello declared: "No longer do we want ambiguity. No longer do we want this kicked down the road. In Congress you're either with us or you're against the people of Puerto Rico."

Puerto Rico is mired in a deep political and financial crisis after the island declared a type of bankruptcy, and currently it is under the supervision of an oversight board.

Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens but cannot vote for President. Gonzalez-Colon is a non-voting member of Congress.

ProEnglish Board of Directors Chair Dr. Rosalie Porter has stated that "any legislative attempt by the island to become the 51st state must stipulate that English become its primary official language of the government, courts, and school system."

Dr. Porter added: "Let's remember that the 2011 recommendations from President Barack Obama's Task Force on Puerto Rico's Status says that if the U.S. commonwealth ever applies for statehood, Congress has ultimate authority over admission and English must play a central role in the daily life of the island. At a minimum, we believe a large majority must become fluent in English for statehood to be even considered."

Accepting Puerto Rico as a new state, without a specific designation of English as the primary official language of the island, would automatically transform the United States into a bilingual nation. ProEnglish believes that the U.S. should look to Canada's experience as a bilingual nation in order to remind us of the potential risks and consequences involved, including sharp cultural and political divisions and much higher costs for government-mandated translation and interpretation services.

It will be extremely expensive for U.S. taxpayers if Puerto Rico becomes the 51st state in the union. This new economic burden, amid the island's governmental and financial crises, along with potential divisions related to cultural politics and a possible lack of assimilation, and combined with no current demand or stipulation that English become the primary official language of the government, courts, and school system on the island, all serve to make Puerto Rico's statehood bid a very risky proposition at the present time

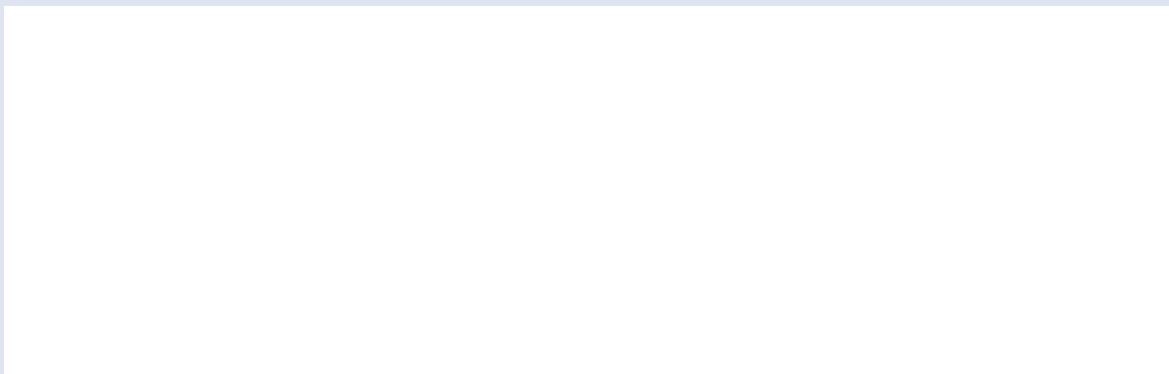


## ProEnglish Appears On El Conservador Radio Show

ProEnglish Executive Director Stephen Guschov recently appeared on El Conservador Radio Show with George Rodriguez in San Antonio, Texas.

Guschov and Rodriguez discussed a variety of issues, including support for the English Language Unity Act in Congress, the possibility of a new Executive Order signed by President Trump that would effectively replace and repeal former President Clinton's EO 13166 that mandates foreign language translations and interpretations for all federally-funded agencies and contractors, and the great importance of cultural and linguistic assimilation by new immigrants in American society.

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**“We have but one flag; we must also learn one language, and that language is English.”**

- President Theodore Roosevelt

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