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## Washington Times Commentary Supports Official English



An opinion piece in the Washington Times supports making English the official language of the USA.

The commentary is written by Tom Basile. The headline reads: "Making English our official language is a winning issue: Learning it is crucial too succeeding, contributing and integrating."

ProEnglish Executive Director Stephen Guschoy also published an opinion piece in the Washington Times in recent years entitled "Stopping the drift toward multilingualism: Why Congress must pass the English Language Unity Act."

Here are some excerpts from this outstanding commentary by Tom Basile:

"One of the most effective ways to protect the freedom, growth, and stability of this country is to fight government dependency. We do that by advancing policies that help give everyone living here the best opportunity possible to achieve their potential."

"Apart from the Constitution, in the most diverse nation in the world, the English language has been the one constant uniting force that has helped make this nation the success that it is."

"Finally making English the official language of the United States is a winning issue."

"According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of people who spoke a language other than English at home nearly tripled from 23.1 million in 1980 to 67.8 million in 2019."

"You cannot achieve your potential as an American in the job market, academically, or even socially, without reading, writing, and speaking English well."

"Making English the official language is a pro-immigrant and pro-diversity policy. We should want everyone in this country to succeed, support themselves, and contribute to society."

"While Americans' reading and writing skills hit new lows, English is the dominant language of the sciences, commerce, media, entertainment, and diplomacy."

"Spending taxpayer money to produce street signs and official government communications in other languages creates a crutch and reinforces the flawed notion that English proficiency is not important to national unity or individual success."

"Sen. J.D. Vance of Ohio has reintroduced a bill long championed by former Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma that has been languishing in Washington since 2005 to encourage stronger English adoption. It's time to finally pass the English Language Unity Act."

"The legislation would establish English as the official language, require government functions to be conducted in English, and introduce an English-language testing standard for naturalization."

"It's time to make it a national policy."

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## Sen. Kevin Cramer Cosponsors English Language Unity Act



Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND) has cosponsored the English Language Unity Act (S.1109) in the United States Senate.

The bill's main sponsor is Sen. J.D. Vance (R-OH).

The passage of the English Language Unity Act in Congress will save Americans billions of dollars every year in current, government-mandated translation and interpretation costs, and also will encourage cultural and linguistic integration by new arrivals to our nation.

## Florida Leads The Way In Support Of The English Language Unity Act

The State of Florida is leading the way in the early months of the 118th Congress when it comes to support of the English Language Unity Act in the United States House of Representatives (H.R.997).

Reps. Matt Gaetz, Bill Posey, and Greg Steube, all Florida Republicans, have signed on as early cosponsors of the bill.



ProEnglish salutes these Sunshine State representatives for their loyal support and cosponsorship of the English Language Unity Act in the U.S. House.

## Just 2 States Offer Driver's License Exams Only In English



Just 2 states out of 50 in the USA now offer their driver's license exams only in English.

The 2 states that offer their driver's license exams only in English are South Dakota and Wyoming.

The 48 other states offer their driver's license exams in a wide variety of other languages beyond English.

California is the state that offers its driver's license exams in the most languages, as it has 32 different language options available. Massachusetts ranks 2nd by offering its driver's license exams in 26 different languages.

## Constitution Party Supports Official English



The Constitution Party platform includes support for official English and opposition to bilingual ballots. The Constitution Party platform specifically states:

“We oppose bilingual ballots. We insist that those who wish to take part in the electoral process and governance of this nation be required to read and comprehend basic English as a precondition of citizenship. We support English as the official language for all governmental business by the United States.”

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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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