

Mayor Mallory Working to Strip Chabot Anti-Streetcar Language from Federal Transportation Bill

Cincinnati - Mayor Mark Mallory is using his connections in Washington DC to have Congressman Steve Chabot's anti-streetcar language removed from the Federal Transportation Bill. Congressman Chabot inserted the language late in the evening by only a voice vote, without a roll call, in an almost empty House Chamber. After inserting the language, Representative Chabot still voted against the bill.



"This is nothing but a political stunt," Mayor Mark Mallory said. "The record is clear. Chabot opposes the Streetcar. But, the voters told us to move forward on this project. People are tired of the same old 'we can't' attitude. That is not how we operate in Cincinnati anymore. We work on big projects and we get them done."

Mayor Mallory is contacting legislative leaders in both the House and Senate and he is making calls to the White House to have the language removed. The anti-streetcar language is far from law.

"Steve Chabot seems determined to stop progress in Cincinnati," Mayor Mark Mallory said. "He seems determined to make sure that other parts of the Country thrive, while Cincinnati is left in the past. That is not the kind of leadership that we need in Washington DC."

"Representative Chabot says that we should be investing in the Brent Spence Bridge and a new interchange on I-71 at MLK. I couldn't agree more. So, where is Steve Chabot's leadership on getting that funding for our community? It isn't there," Mayor Mark Mallory said.

A School Fix Without a Fight

Cleveland Mayor Works With Governor and Teachers to Link Pay to Test Scores

By STEPHANIE BANCHERO

The Republican governor of Ohio, the Democratic mayor of Cleveland and the local teachers union have united to overhaul how teachers are hired, fired and paid, a rare example of cooperation in education that some critics warn could still face challenges in the implementation.

The overhaul, signed into law by Gov. John Kasich this month, will allow the district to link teachers' pay, in part, to student test scores, and to lay off teachers based on performance instead of seniority. It will also let the district fire teachers after two years of poor performance, based in part on test scores.

The district will become the only one in Ohio to share local tax dollars with charter schools—public schools run by outside entities that are now funded by state and federal money—and will have more say in who gets to operate those schools.

The Cleveland deal marks a departure from the bitter animosity over school funding and treatment of teachers that has divided many U.S. cities, though the local teachers union found itself facing a united front of the mayor, Cleveland's business community and the governor.

In Chicago, the nation's third-largest school district, the teachers union is threatening to go on strike in response to Democratic Mayor Rahm Emanuel's offers in contract negotiations. In other struggling urban school districts, such as Philadelphia and Detroit, district officials and teachers unions are also squabbling over restructuring proposals.

The cooperation is especially notable in Ohio, which has experienced bitter acrimony over union rules. Last year, voters repealed a law that restricted collective bargaining for public-sector employees after it was passed by the GOP-controlled state legislature and signed by Mr. Kasich.

Mr. Kasich praised Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, and the local union leader for getting his members on board. "When adults fight, children get lost in the shuffle," Mr. Kasich said in an interview. "In this case, everybody got together and demanded that children be placed first."

Sarah Yatsko, a research analyst at the Center

on Reinventing Public Education at the University of Washington, a research group, called the Cleveland transformation plan a "dramatic" overhaul that "puts Cleveland in stark relief," compared to other cities across the nation.

Some advocates of tying teacher contracts to student performance worry that the pact could still be watered down. Terry Moe, a Stanford political scientist who has written a book on teacher unions and has been critical of them, called the Cleveland changes "meaningful," but added, "These are things that should have been done 30 years ago." He predicted that, as details of the plan get negotiated, union leaders will "do whatever they can to water them down and make them as non-threatening as possible."

David Quolke, president of the Cleveland Teachers Union, rejected the idea that the union would stymie implementation, saying it is committed to doing what is "best for kids."



話糙理不糙 北京侃爺北美崔哥與你分享 調侃美國現狀 傳授生存秘訣 在美國如何不挨槍!

看報了吧,前不久兩個中國留學生開着寶馬,在美國洛杉磯一個貧民區被人用槍打死了,車也被搶了。在遭槍擊的一瞬間,留學生的腦海里很可能閃過一個念頭:我靠,沒聽中介說美國還有這事兒呀。不都說美國挺民主的嗎,怎么動不動就把人往死里打呢? 怎么也不鳴槍警告一下呢?



美國的確民主,這沒錯。民主的標誌就是人人可以有槍。當然,有了槍就沒準心情不好時放一槍,就跟咱中國人火一上來偶爾揮一下菜刀似的。當然,有人開槍,就會有人中槍。中槍其實是為美國民主所付出的代價,等於為民主而犧牲了。

好在,犧牲這事不是全留給老百姓,人家美國的億萬富豪,議員,州長,甚至總統都和人民同甘苦。美國歷史上有四位總統就因為挨槍而壯烈犧牲了。據統計:美國一年平均三萬人挨槍擊,三億人口中兩億人有槍,(我們中國六十年代那會兒叫七億人民七億兵,比美國牛B)。

在今天的中國,有許多中介公司會教你如何來美國,我現在要說的是如何在美國不挨槍。

第一,聽見槍響撒腿就跑。甭管打中的是不是您,您都要跑。如果萬一打中的是您,一般您都會有感覺。這一點紐約的黑人朋友從小就訓練有素,人家聽見槍響,馬上狂奔,不默默唧唧的。這就是為什麼世界短跑冠軍基本上都是黑人朋友。

第二,一般來說,美國人掏槍對準您,都不是想試試槍里有沒有子彈,他們的美好願望都是用武力管您借點錢(當然是不用還也沒利息的那種)。其實呢,美國人可不願意搶咱中國人了。萬一這炎黃子孫會武術怎麼辦?萬一這廝會京劇突然大吼一聲怎麼辦?人家美國人心理要承受多大的壓力呀,誰願意犯法呀是不是?將心比心。

可是您說,這年頭,世界經濟这么差,不搶中國人搶誰去呢?走遍全世界,哪國人能掏得起現金買寶馬,勞力士和LV包呢?不就咱偉大的中國人民嗎?所以,很多本質很好的美國青年,經不起咱中國人的誘惑,花不到一百塊錢買把槍就開始犯錯誤了。

"Give me all your money, Man!" (把錢都給我!) 美國人喜歡這句問候語。這時您首先要做的是慢慢舉起雙手,讓美國友人看到您不準備反抗,最好面帶點微笑,這樣可以主動幫助失足青年放鬆。然後呢,把您的錢掏出來,扔到地上。如果扔左邊了,您就撒腿往右邊跑;如果扔右邊了,您就撒腿往左邊跑。美國友人追的是錢,拿到錢就可能不開槍了,子彈又不是白來的。

什么金錶,鑽戒之類的名牌最好您還是別帶到美國來吧。您的牌兒不管多亮,樸實的美國人民一般都不認識,美國人民

平時都到一元錢店買東西,只知道所有東西都是中國製造的。

Don't fight back! (別反抗!) Don't try to be a hero! (別當英雄!) 美國警察和社會輿論都這麼教導您。我剛來美國那會不服,憑什么不反抗呀! 我就耐心給美國人講中國的草原英雄小姐妹,劉英俊,雷鋒,劉胡蘭,金訓華什么的,美國人聽後就說這些人是不尊重生命的大傻瓜。說完還給我引一句聖經:不尊重生命的人,上帝都會拋棄他。我當時心里罵:孫子,你們丫美國尊重生命,尊重生命幹嗎不禁槍呢?連人命都保不住,還保人權那,別氣我了。但是看在中美友誼的大局上,我沒說,給人留點面子。

第三,留學生都聽着,在美國既然買豪車,那您就住豪宅。您別開着豪華悍馬人前顯倍,回頭為了省點小錢找個最便宜的區住了。便宜的區全是美國受壓迫受剝削的貧下中農聚集地,同志們連彼此的二手自行車

還偷呢。您這悍馬寶馬之類的一開,不是招貧下中農們打土豪分田地嗎?記住了,中國貧農認為槍桿子裏面出政權,美國貧農相信槍桿子裏面出好車。

第四,平時文明禮讓的美國人,一旦在高速路上被人野蠻超車或插車,立馬狂怒的跟納粹似的。我在美國20多年,以開車慢而且肉肉著稱,經常聽到美國友人罵我, "Ass Hole!" (太肛門了!) "Son of Bitch!" (丫頭養的! ---沒想到美國朋友也这么罵人) 好多詞彙我當時聽不懂,回家馬上查字典,我的單詞量就是这么迅速增長的。美國人罵完還不解氣,還要搖下窗,朝對方伸出侮辱性的中指,要不就拼命按喇叭。當時我若是車里有槍,肯定摺倒他幾個。每年死于這種情況的美國人太多了,報紙都懶得報,報了也沒人看。

咱們中國人開車時難免會爆發怒火,如果您特想伸中指或者按喇叭的時候,我勸您这么想:那個美國佬B的命能跟大爺(或姑奶奶)咱的命比嗎?咱考過托福,考過嗎?咱來趟美國花了幾十萬銀子給中介公司,大使館和交學費,他們丫美國人花的起嗎?咱身上肩负着黨和人民包括全家人的重託,他們丫懂什么叫重託嗎?萬一咱被對方一槍擱那了,咱在美國殉職的消息一旦上網,傳到中國去,那咱家對門的街坊還不幸災樂禍死就冲這咱也得好活着。再說了,萬一咱在美國去世了,咱父母還得來美國奔喪,還得辦簽證,第一次要是簽不下來怎麼辦?為了開車斗氣,讓美國友人給一槍,我呸,那叫冤枉!

第五,不要輕易到不明底細的美國人家里,更不要輕易上不熟悉的美國人的車。大多數美國人民還是善良幽默和豪爽的,可是不少人心理變態,喜歡系列殺人,喜歡吃人的心肝脾肺什么的,----就冲這點,就足以說明美國人民缺嘴,

沒吃過什么好東西;說嚴重點,美國窮的已經到了人吃人的地步,快趕上中國的舊社會了。我覺得,之所以大家这么壓抑,主要在於美國沒有卡拉OK,沒有茶樓,黑市,自由市場以及能跳西班牙探戈的公園。如果有人用槍頂着您上他的車,您一定要大聲呼叫 Help 同時狂奔。一旦上了他的車就會九死一生。第六,我第一次到

紐約,朋友告訴我,要是黑天到法拉盛大街上走,要想不被人劫,最好手里托個破碗,里邊扔點一塊錢毛票和零崩兒什么的。我還真試了試,很靈驗,歹徒們都懶得搶我。其中一名老黑還友好地示意我到一條剛鋪好的柏油大街上乞討,說那里競爭少。總之,要想在美國不挨槍,就不要把自己當靶子,而炫富招搖就等於自己樹靶子讓

據美國警察傳授,如果遇到歹徒,在全力配合對方打劫的同時,最要緊的一件事就是記住對方的特徵,以便報警後協助警方抓人,比如,是黑人還是白人,是印第安人還是老墨兒(墨西哥人),對方鼻子是挺拔的還是扁的,有沒有紋身,穿的衣服是真正名牌還是中國仿造的,等等吧。

如果您覺得記老外的特徵有困難,現在不是都有智能手機了嗎,比如iphone什么的。您完全可以在對方打劫完自己後,友善地問一句, "Excuse me, can I take a picture with you?" (勞駕,能和您合影嗎?)

文中部分形容語句文字實屬作者調侃,不涉及如何種族歧視!

北美崔哥是紅遍海內外的北美脫口秀笑星。他是地道的老北京人,北大畢業,專科英語,1988美國留學,迄今已經20多年。在美國他在西雅圖大學攻讀過法律,曾經為比爾蓋茨,波音總裁,星巴客總裁作過同聲翻譯,並且于2006年為胡錦濤總書記訪美擔任美方翻譯。美國通的崔哥于2009年開創"北美崔哥脫口秀",主打作品有"勸你不要來美國"。在網絡時代的今天,崔哥粉絲遍及美洲和歐洲,亞洲和澳洲,全球收視率近三千萬人。崔哥脫口秀的特點是北京人的調侃加上美國式的幽默,即興而發,脫口而出,正話反說。在輕鬆娛樂中調侃國際大事,文化差異,人際關係和熱點話題。目前,崔哥已在北美十一個城市巡迴,澳洲和歐洲的巡迴也在籌劃中。此外,他還在湖南衛視春晚,北京台春晚,東方達人秀,笑傲江湖等多檔節目中表演,中央台四套華人世界節目于2011年對北美崔哥有過連續數集的報道。

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