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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3303
February 7, 2007

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

We are writing to urge you to take swift action in reviewing the case against United States Border Patrol Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean, and to expedite your consideration of a pardon for these two men *whose lives are in danger in prison*.

As you are aware, on October 19th, the agents were convicted and sentenced to 11 and 12 years in federal prison respectively for wounding a Mexican drug smuggler who brought 743 pounds of marijuana across the U.S. border last year. The two agents were prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's office and the smuggler was granted immunity to testify against the agents. Both agents surrendered to federal authorities on January 17, 2007.

In a letter to the Attorney General last month, 38 members of Congress expressed their concern that the safety of these two men – as law enforcement officers – would be in grave danger if incarcerated during the appeal of their sentences. Unfortunately, those concerns were recently justified by a physical assault on Ignacio Ramos that occurred Saturday evening in the Federal Correctional Complex in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Given the threats against the agents' safety and our concerns about the lack of fairness in the proceedings against the two men – including the prosecution's efforts to seek out and offer immunity to a habitual Mexican drug smuggler, a sealed indictment of the smuggler's drug offenses and insufficient proof of whether or not the smuggler was armed – we strongly encourage you to personally review the facts of this case as soon as possible.

Mr. President, you have an opportunity to reverse a great injustice committed against two agents who we believe acted in the course of their duties to enforce the law against a major drug smuggler. Because delaying justice in this case undermines the U.S. Border Patrol's critical mission of enforcing our immigration laws, we respectfully urge your immediate intervention in this matter.

Sincerely,





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