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**Congress of the United States**  
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Attorney General Michael Mukasey  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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Dear Attorney General Mukasey:

I am writing to alert you to a recent revelation surrounding the prosecution of U.S. Border Patrol agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean, who are currently serving sentences of 11 and 12 years respectively for wounding a Mexican drug smuggler who brought 743 pounds of marijuana across the U.S. border in February 2005. The agents were prosecuted by Western District of Texas U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton and the illegal drug smuggler was granted immunity, provided free health care and given unconditional border crossing cards to testify against the agents.

Recently, U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton confirmed the arrest of the drug smuggler, Osvaldo Aldrete Davila, who has been charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana, and with possession with intent to distribute marijuana in September and October 2005. This revelation underscores the terrible miscarriage of justice committed against Ramos and Compean.

During the February/March 2006 trial of Ramos and Compean, the prosecutor allowed Aldrete to portray himself as a one-time offender who transported the marijuana load because he needed money to buy medicine for his sick mother. Yet, if the recent indictment's allegations against Aldrete are proven accurate, it is reasonable to presume that aspects of his testimony may have been knowingly false and perjured – including his claim that he was unaware the van he drove on the day of the shooting contained marijuana, and his assertion that he did not possess a gun or point a shiny object at the agents.

Because it appears the government has yet to seek an indictment of Aldrete Davila for his possible perjury before the jury that sat in judgment of Ramos and Compean, I urge you to support such an indictment. Because a conviction based on perjured testimony violates fundamental notions of due process, a perjury charge against Aldrete would clearly indicate that the agents deserve a new trial.

Mr. Mukasey, in light of this revelation, I urge you to conduct a full and unbiased review of this case and take any action to rectify this injustice. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones  
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Cc: George W. Bush, President of the United States