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Dear President Felipe Calderon:

I am writing regarding the search for Cpl. Cesar Armando Laurean, the suspected murderer of U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Maria Lauterbach and her unborn son.

On January 11, 2008 Cpl. Cesar Armando Laurean, 21, disappeared from his Jacksonville, North Carolina home shortly before police discovered the charred remains of Marine Lance Cpl. Maria Lauterbach buried in his backyard. Lauterbach had previously accused Laurean of raping her, telling Marine officials she was pregnant with his child; she was eight months pregnant when she went missing in December 2007.

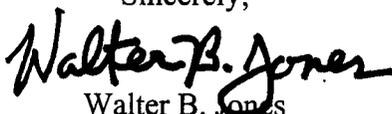
Federal authorities now believe that Laurean has fled to Mexico. I strongly urge you to use whatever resources available to you to locate and apprehend Laurean as quickly as possible.

Should Laurean be apprehended in Mexico, there is clear precedent, consistent with both U.S. and Mexican law, for extraditing Laurean back to the U.S. Once Laurean is apprehended, I ask that you work with U.S. authorities to come to an agreement that will ensure his swift return to the U.S.

The murders of Cpl. Maria Lauterbach and her unborn son cannot go unpunished. The victims, the Lauterbach family, and the people of North Carolina demand that justice be served for this heinous and disturbing crime.

Again, I urge you to use all means necessary to assist U.S. authorities in bringing Laurean into custody and to justice.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones
Member of Congress