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The National  
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Dear Monica,

Thank you for taking time to meet with us and other participants in the New American Opportunities Campaign to discuss current immigration legislation. Recognizing that we have some philosophical differences about the best approaches to fix our broken immigration system and address the distressing situations created by it, we appreciate your willingness to discuss these challenging issues.

We continue to urge support for the Student Adjustment Act (H.R. 1684), which would allow promising high-school graduates, who cannot be faulted for their parents' decision to bring them into this country as young children, to fulfill their dream of going to college and thereby attaining legal status. We also urge support for AgJOBS (H.R. 3142), which would address the critical need for seasonal farmworkers, evidenced by the startling fact that over 70% of farmworkers are undocumented. Both bills enjoy broad bi-partisan support, and we feel it is urgent that they are brought to the floor this year.

We also hope that Rep. Kline will reconsider his support for the CLEAR Act (H.R. 2671). Attached to this letter is an excerpt from a National Immigration Law Center brief which confirms our understanding that the CLEAR Act would take away existing funding to state and local police. Local authorities are currently provided reimbursement for incarcerating foreign nationals who have committed crimes, which they would lose under the CLEAR Act if they refuse to likewise incarcerate, for instance, an immigrant who had overstayed her visa and came to the police as a crime victim or a witness to a crime.

Thank you again for your time. We look forward to continuing to communicate with you in the future. If there is any additional information we can provide, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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