

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 20, 2009

The Honorable Janet Napolitano
Secretary of Homeland Security
3891 Nebraska Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20528-0001

Dear Madam Secretary:


We respectfully request, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, that you stay the deportation of Jesus, Guillermo and Marco Reyes Mendoza, who reside in our community, until Congress has the opportunity to consider the American Dream Act, H.R. 1751.

Since 2000 Jesus, Guillermo and Marco have resided in the United States after their parents fled political persecution in their native country, Venezuela. We understand that at the time they fled Venezuela the Reyes brothers were all minors and did not have a say in their parent's decision to leave their native country.

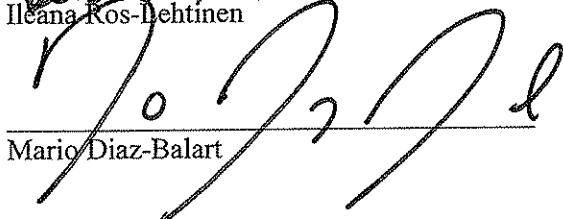
Nine years after their arrival in the United States, the brothers are examples of, given an opportunity, what one can achieve in the United States. They have exemplified America's ideal by working hard, excelling at school and volunteering. We are informed that all three brothers have received AA degrees from Miami Dade College with high grade point averages. Two of the Reyes brothers graduated from the Miami Dade College's Honors program and Jesus was also the student body president. Not only have the brothers worked hard to further their education but they have also spent time giving back to their community by volunteering at their church, tutoring fellow students and volunteering at a homeless shelter and a local library. We believe that Jesus, Guillermo and Marco are outstanding members of our society and should not be deported to Venezuela for a decision made by their parents. It was no fault of theirs that they were brought to the United States.

As you know, Congress and the President have made it a priority to confront the difficult and complex issues raised by our nation's broken immigration system. We have all sponsored the American Dream Act and we are hopeful that Congress will soon consider this legislation that will benefit people such as the Reyes brothers. As such, we respectfully request that you deter their removal until Congress has an opportunity to consider the legislation that will allow them to realize their dreams in the United States.

Cordially,


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