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Dear Congressman Kirk:

I am writing to urge you to support a Comprehensive Immigration Reform bill that is fair, just, and protects immigrants. Immigration is a defining feature of America's history and of America's future. Unfortunately, America's current immigration system is broken.

Instead of legal channels, legal immigration, and orderly screened entry, the immigration system has fostered a black market characterized by a ballooning undocumented immigrant population, widespread use of fake documents, increasingly violent smuggling cartels, and widespread exploitation of undocumented workers.

I believe that Comprehensive Immigration Reform must protect immigrants by:

- Providing opportunities for the adjustment of status and a path to earned citizenship for hardworking immigrants
- Preventing the division of immigrant families because of unfair deportation laws and practices
- Funding Adult Education, civics, and ESL courses that enable immigrants to better their language and work skills, increase their knowledge of the American government, and to become active and engaged members of their communities

Comprehensive Immigration Reform should **not** sacrifice personal liberties and environmental concerns in order to secure the border; ignore the social and economic reasons why immigrants seek opportunity in the United States; neglect America's status as a safe haven for immigrants from all over the world; or punish hardworking immigrants who are seeking a better life for their families.

The American people are frustrated with the lack of initiative from our leaders to work towards fair comprehensive reform and are hungry for a solution. We want neither open borders, nor closed borders, we want smart borders.

As plans for Comprehensive Immigration Reform are being discussed, I urge you to support a bill that protects the rights of immigrants and to express the need for such reform to your Congressional colleagues.

Sincerely,

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