

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

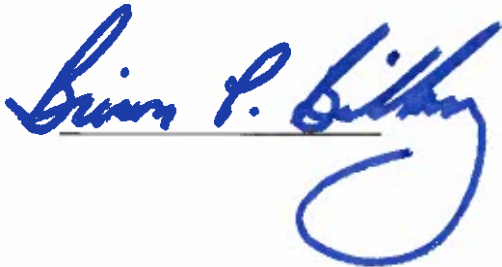
We are writing to express our grave concern over reports that the Administration is planning to grant deferred action or parole to millions of illegal immigrants. Granting parole is defined in section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act as “a case-by-case basis for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit.” While it is not our intention to question the Administration’s legal authority to examine individual cases, we unequivocally oppose any attempt to grant deferred action or parole to large groups of illegal immigrants even if each case is examined.

The illegal immigration issue is extremely complex and requires legislative action by Congress if we are to do anything to secure our neighborhoods and borders. The failure to effectively secure our borders does not mean that the Administration is able to, in effect, grant amnesty to those that have violated United States law. The United States Constitution does not permit the Administration to legislate from the White House.

Immigration to the United States is a privilege, not a right. We believe that rather than reward those who have broken our laws, we should enforce existing immigration and employment laws and secure our neighborhoods and borders in order to honor those that have come here legally. Granting deferred action or parole does a disservice to the rule of law and what it means to be a citizen of the United States.

We ask that you clearly articulate your opposition to this plan. We look forward to your response to this matter.

Sincerely,

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