

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

April 11, 2007

The Honorable George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest  
Washington, D.C. 20500-0003

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to you due to the controversy in the case of former Border Patrol Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean.

Like you, we understand the vital role of our Border Patrol in protecting our nation from terrorism. These brave men and women provide the frontline protection for our borders and are responsible for enforcing our laws. Given the ongoing controversy, we remain concerned with this case and its potential impact on the ability of the Border Patrol to perform its duties. We respectfully urge the Department of Homeland Security to review the protocols of engagement currently utilized by the United States Border Patrol to ensure that agents can effectively carry out their mission. It is our belief that nothing should be done to undermine the Border Patrol's ability to protect the United States.

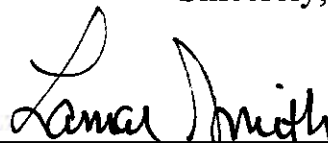
We also recognize that Article 1 Section 2 of the Constitution states that only the President, "shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States." Knowing this, we respectfully request that you review the proceedings of this case and if appropriate, grant a pardon for former Agents Ramos and Compean.

Thank you for your attention to our request.

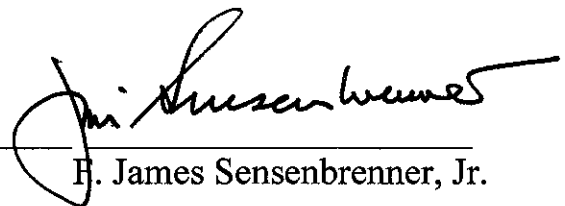
Sincerely,



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