

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 22, 2017

David Jennings  
Field Office Director  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
San Francisco, CA

Dear Director Jennings:

It has come to our attention that two California constituents, Mr. Hugo Mejia (A#079163283) and Mr. Rodrigo Nuñez (A#079220673) are currently detained in separate detention centers in California. We are writing to you on their behalf to urge Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to exercise prosecutorial discretion in its deportation cases and seriously consider any available alternatives to deportation, including granting a stay of removal or canceling the reinstatement of their expedited removal orders and issuing new notices to appear.

We understand that ICE is currently using previous expedited removal orders that were issued at the US-Mexico border. In the case of Mr. Mejia that order was issued in 2001 and the last action on his case was in 2006, more than a decade ago. Mr. Mejia has lived in the United States with absolutely no criminal history and is a valued and upstanding member of his community. The fact that he has a U.S. citizen daughter who would suffer extreme hardship if he is deported should also weigh heavily in the decision of how this case will be handled. Similarly, Mr. Nuñez is also a dedicated father to three U.S. citizen children that will also suffer extreme hardship if they would be permanently separated from his family. Community support for these families has been overwhelming, with a grassroots petition generating approximately 1,500 signatures overnight, and hundreds of letters of support and phone calls flooding our offices. (enclosures)

President Trump has stated that he is sympathetic to many undocumented immigrants, and that Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) enrollees should be treated with heart. In March, the President told business leaders that his deportation plans were aimed at “getting really bad dudes out of this country.” ICE should act in accordance with these sentiments with regards to the Mejia and Nunez families.

As part of the public record and with the full and fair application of the law in light of these facts, we strongly urge you to reconsider your administrative response to date, and explore alternatives to deportation such as granting stays of removals or canceling the reinstatement of Mr. Mejia and Mr. Nuñez’s expedited removal orders and issuing new notices to appear. Thank

you for your serious consideration and please contact Jenny Callaway at [Jenny.Callaway@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jenny.Callaway@mail.house.gov) or (415) 258-9657 if you need further information on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Jared Huffman

  
Eric Swalwell

  
Barbara Lee

  
Ro Khanna

  
Mike Thompson

  
John Garamendi

  
Ami Bera

  
Anna G. Eshoo

  
Jackie Speier

  
Doris O. Matsui

  
Mark DeSaulnier

cc: Matthew Albence, Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations  
Thomas D. Homan, Acting Director

Enclosures:  
Letters of Support  
Community Petition