Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

August 1, 2018

The Honorable Kristen M. Nielsen Secretary Department of Homeland Security 301 7th Street SW, Mail Stop 0501 Washington, DC 20528-0150

Re: Stay of Removal for Alejandra Juarez

Dear Secretary Nielsen:

We write to urge your full and fair consideration to request U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) grant Alejandra Juarez a stay of removal. Mrs. Juarez is a military spouse, with two daughters that are U.S. citizens. Mrs. Juarez has been attempting to resolve her immigration status by requesting for "Parole in Place" (PIP) protective status, or a stay of removal. However, following both of her denials for either remedy, she is scheduled to be deported on August 3, 2018. Granting Mrs. Juarez a stay of removal would allow her to legally resolve her immigration issues and ensure that a military family will not be needlessly separated.

Mrs. Juarez and her husband, former Marine Sgt. Cuauhtemoc Juarez, have been married since 2000. Sgt. Juarez served honorably on multiple tours as an infantryman in the Marines and the Infantry Regiment of the Army National Guard, where he earned multiple commendations and award citations. Throughout his deployments, Mrs. Juarez supported her husband by caring for their two daughters. Furthermore, Sgt. Juarez is a supporter of the administration.

While Mrs. Juarez did cross the border illegally in 1998, she acknowledges her wrongdoing and has since continued to meet every six months with immigration officials seeking a path towards remaining in the United States. For twenty years Mrs. Juarez has not posed a danger to her community, and separating her from her family will be detrimental to her two daughters and husband. Thus, urgent action is needed before Mrs. Juarez is deported on August 3.

Therefore, we urge your full and fair consideration to request ICE reconsider granting a stay of removal for Mrs. Juarez. Mrs. Juarez's removal would only serve to send the wrong message that military families will not be supported despite their great sacrifices to our nation. We should strive to reunite military families, not tear them apart. Thank you in advance for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,

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