

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 29, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

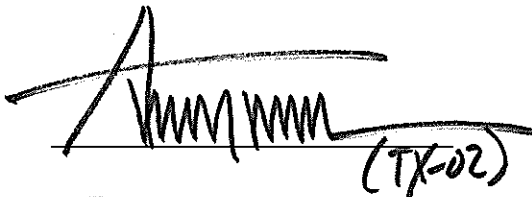
We are writing to request your immediate review of the circumstances surrounding the convictions of Border Patrol Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean. Should you be unwilling to pardon Agents Ramos and Compean, as some of us have advocated, we ask that you then consider commuting their sentences to time served.

As you know, the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit recently upheld these convictions based on a federal law that requires a 10-year mandatory minimum sentence for a crime involving the use of a firearm, even though it was never intended to apply to law enforcement officers acting within their official duties. We believe that this charge is excessive and disproportionate to the violation, particularly when Agents Ramos and Compean were in pursuit of a known drug dealer and on duty at the time of the incident.

Additionally, the Fifth Circuit failed to take into consideration the fact that the drug dealer was identified by agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration as he smuggled a second load of narcotics into the country. This occurred after the drug dealer was granted immunity for his first smuggling attempt in exchange for his testimony. This information, which was withheld from the jury during the first trial and overlooked by the Fifth Circuit, raises serious doubts about the credibility of the witness and his testimony.

Your intervention in this matter will not only serve to correct this injustice but also help reverse the damage these convictions have caused to the men and women of the Border Patrol. Once again, we respectfully request that you intervene on behalf of Agents Ramos and Compean, and remove them from federal custody. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


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