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The Honorable President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We submit this letter, in the spirit of reconciliation and pardon that is such a part of this season, asking you personally to commute the sentences of U.S. Border Patrol Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean. These men were convicted of procedural violations stemming from the shooting of an illegal alien drug smuggler at the border. The drug smuggler was later granted amnesty to testify against these veteran law enforcement agents at trial. On October 19th, 2006, Officers Ramos and Compean were sentenced to 11 and 12 years in prison respectively.

This sentence is a travesty of justice. We can think of nothing more immoral than to allow the lives and families of those who protect us to be destroyed by an overly aggressive and questionable prosecution by the U.S. Attorney's Office. The severity of the charges brought against these men, and the harshness of the punishment is totally disproportionate to the violation in question.

This episode sends the wrong message to those who defend America at our border, to the American people, and especially to the criminals who operate at our southern border. How can anyone believe we are serious about border security when the lives of two agents sworn to protect those very borders are torn apart, but a vicious drug smuggler is given medical care and allowed to walk free? It is inhumane and a betrayal of the American people's trust to allow the sentences of Agents Ramos and Compean to be carried out.

At this time, the only just course of action is to commute the sentences of Agents Ramos and Compean. We implore you to become personally involved in this case, and bring a holiday miracle to these agents and their families.

Sincerely,

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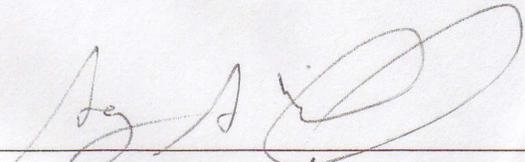
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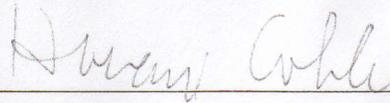
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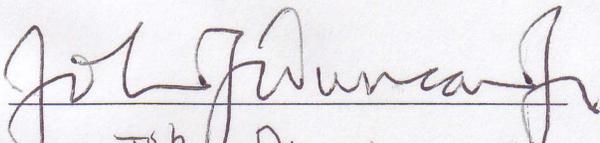
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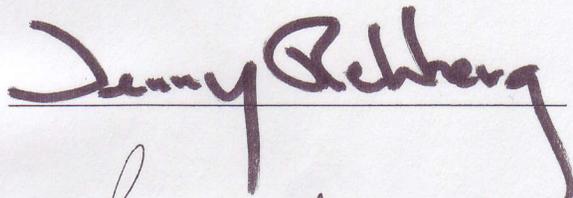
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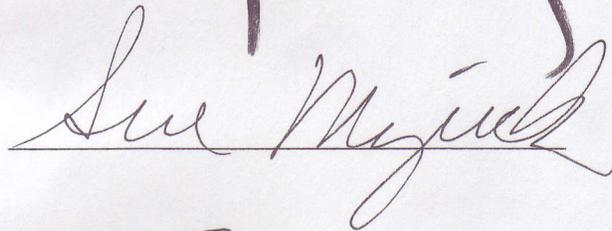

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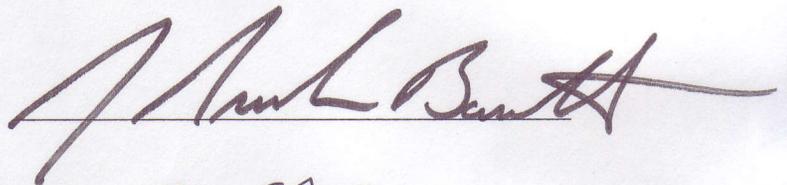



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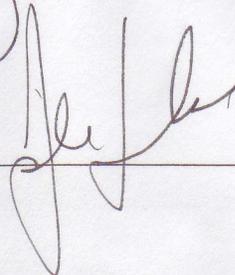




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