

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

April 11, 2016

The Honorable Loretta Lynch  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Sarah Saldaña  
Director  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Department of Homeland Security  
500 12th Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20536

Dear Attorney General Lynch and Director Saldaña,

We write in regard to a tragic car wreck in Wylie, Texas that resulted in the death of Fire Captain Peter Hacking and his young children, a four-year-old and a twenty-two month old. The crash occurred when a van driven by Mr. Margarito Quintero reportedly swerved from the northbound lane into the southbound lane and struck Mr. Hacking's car. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Hacking's family and friends, and our request today comes in the spirit of ensuring that they receive justice.

It is our understanding that Mr. Quintero is a Mexican citizen who entered the United States illegally in 2006. Reports indicate that he was arrested on criminal charges and deported in 2008. We urge, in the strongest terms possible, that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) take all available steps to make sure Mr. Quintero is detained and unable to flee the country.

We urge ICE to intervene and issue a detainer for Mr. Quintero. An immigration detainer in this instance would undoubtedly serve an important federal interest. We also urge DOJ to consider prosecuting Mr. Quintero for illegal reentry.

Finally, we ask you to use all available means to ensure that local authorities have an opportunity to question Mr. Francisco Rameriz and Mr. Rigoberto Cruz, the additional occupants that were in Mr. Quintero's vehicle. If they are determined to be in the United States illegally, we ask that you work to address any flight risk and ensure that local authorities have an opportunity to utilize them as witnesses for any prosecution related to the crash.

When a similar tragic accident occurred in Nebraska, reports indicate that the unlawful immigrant posted bail and fled to avoid charges. In that instance, ICE declined to issue a detainer that could have prevented the suspect from fleeing.

We call on you to make sure that does not occur in our state of Texas. An innocent father and his precious children were killed. Mr. Hacking's family and friends deserve to see this individual brought to justice.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter. Please respond no later than Wednesday, April 13, 2016, as this is an extremely time-sensitive matter. If you have questions, please contact Emily Leviner in Rep. Ratcliffe's office at (202) 225-6673.

Sincerely,

  
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JOHN CORNYN  
United States Senator

  
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JOHN RATCLIFFE  
Member of Congress

cc: Simona Flores  
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Department of Homeland Security