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April 20, 2005

The Honorable George W. Bush
President
United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington D.C. 20500

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT FEDERAL LAWS AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AND THE BORDERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BE GUARDED MORE CLOSELY

Dear President Bush:

On behalf of the Costa Mesa City Council, I am writing to request your assistance with an issue that is, and has been a persistent problem in our community over many years.

Costa Mesa is a city with a population of over 110,000 residents. Within that number can be found a wide range of ages, nationalities, educational and income levels. Our community offers great educational, professional and career opportunities. We embrace and embody the American dream of working hard and building a full life for individuals and families, and fully support all who want to come here legally.

However, we have experienced more than our share of illegal immigrants and the resultant problems they bring. Years ago, we formed a task force to deal with migrant workers that were congregating in one of our parks. Neighbors in the adjacent areas were very concerned. At that time, we studied the issue of immigration and found that the city had little or no recourse in dealing with the issue of residency as it falls entirely under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

Although we understand there are many challenges the federal government must deal with, we believe illegal immigration and lagging border security are paramount. Careless and lackluster enforcement of our borders threatens our local, state and national security. Additionally, illegal immigrants are a fiscal drain on our cities, states and the nation.

We are more than willing to provide city services to those who are willing to take the legal and necessary steps to become American citizens. However, we feel strongly that those who are here illegally are breaking the law and should be held accountable. Providing services to illegal aliens also sends the wrong message to those who have come here legally.

We ask that you, as leader of our nation, strongly enforce the laws pertaining to illegal immigration and allocate the federal resources necessary to protect our borders.

We thank you for your consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

Allan Mansoor
Mayor