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Mr. Gregory Finkelson 2076 16th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94116-1238

Dear Mr. Finkelson,

Thank you for contacting me to express your views on comprehensive immigration reform. I appreciate hearing from you on this important issue.

Our immigration system needs to honor the promise of America — we must recognize that our nation was built by immigrants, and our immigrant communities continue to make significant contributions to our nation. For generations, America's immigrant communities have enriched our culture, reinvigorated our economy, and defended the country that they call home. Now is the time to honor that heritage and ensure our future strength by passing common-sense and comprehensive immigration reform.

On June 27th, 2013, a bipartisan coalition in the U.S. Senate voted to reaffirm our values, advance our ideals, and honor our history as a nation of immigrants by passing comprehensive immigration reform, Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act (S.744), by a vote of 68-32. With this action, the Senate moved our country one step closer to achieving commonsense reform that reflects our heritage and makes America more American.

Now, it is the House of Representative's turn to act. That is why House 'emocrats introduced bipartisan legislation, Border Security Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act (H.R. 15) co-sponsored by 187 House Democrats and 3 House Republicans. The bill secures our borders, protects our workers, unites our families, and provides for an earned pathway to citizenship.

Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), announced on November 2013, that the House Republican Leadership has no plans to vote on any immigration reform legislation before the end of the year. Without further delay, the Majority Leadership should schedule a vote on comprehensive immigration reform. There is no reason to delay action on the issue that has garnered bipartisan support in the Senate.

We must address the growing disconnect between our nation's immigration policy and the reality on the ground in cities and communities across our country. We must enact immigration reform that is humane and honors our American tradition as a nation of immigrants and a land of opportunity for all.

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Please be assured that I will keep your comments in mind as we continue our work in Congress to enact immigration legislation that promotes our core American values.

Thank you, again, for contacting me on this issue. I hope you will continue to communicate with me on matters of concern to you. For more information on this or other issues affecting our city and our nation, please visit my website at http://www.pelosi.house.gov/ or sign up to receive e-mail updates at http://www.pelosi.house.gov/media/pelosi-update.shtml.

best regards,

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