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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Jeh Johnson
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Johnson:

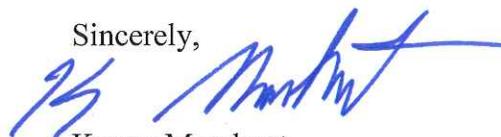
In April of 2015, I and thirty-five of my colleagues in Congress wrote to President Obama, demanding suspension of the Central American Minors (CAM) Refugee/Parole Program. As you know, the CAM program was secretly created on the heels of tens of thousands of Central American minors flooding across our border in 2014. Without lawful congressional authorization, it offered flights, medical care, and cash – paid for by American taxpayers – to bring the children of immigrants (mostly illegal and under executive amnesty) into the U.S. Once here, their questionable “refugee” status would entitle them to fast-track permanent residency.

Now, this week, it was reported that the Department of Homeland Security will be expanding CAM to certain other relatives and caregivers of the children reached by the program. This comes despite the U.S. Supreme Court’s recently upholding the Fifth Circuit ruling against the President’s unilateral Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA) amnesty program, and in the middle of an increasing global terrorist threat. This is a plain and unacceptable affront to the rule of law as well as the safety of the American people, which is our first duty.

This year alone, 75,000 teens from Central America are expected to illegally enter the U.S.; and the Administration has reportedly budgeted over \$17,000 for each – more than the average annual Social Security benefit to an American citizen. This recklessness with our national borders must end. I call upon you in the strongest possible terms to honor the rule of law, protect American families, reverse the dangerous decision to expand the CAM program, and terminate the program in its entirety.

Thank you for your review of this correspondence and I look forward to your prompt reply. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me, or my Legislative Assistant, Robert Vega, at 202.225.6605 or robert.vega@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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