

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

September 16, 2009

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Secretary  
Department of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Clinton,

We write to you today in reference to the Administration's most recent decision to revoke the tourist and diplomatic visas of 17 officials of the current government of Honduras, including Honduran Foreign Minister Carlos López Contreras. Mr. López Contreras was scheduled to visit Washington, D.C. this week to meet with members of Congress.

The decision to block the Foreign Minister of Honduras from speaking to members of Congress is both reckless and irresponsible. The Administration has allowed former-President Manuel Zelaya to travel freely across the United States and to meet with members of Congress.

By not allowing Mr. López Contreras to travel to the United States and to meet with members of Congress, the Administration has decided to silence those who disagree with it, while allowing others who may share common goals to speak freely.

Madam Secretary, we respectfully urge you to reconsider your decision and issue a visa to the Honduran Foreign Minister, Mr. Carlos López Contreras, so that he may have the opportunity to travel to the United States and to meet with members of Congress. We look forward to your response on this matter.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



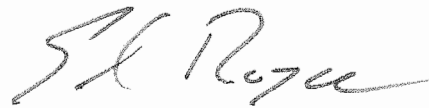
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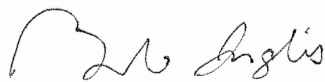
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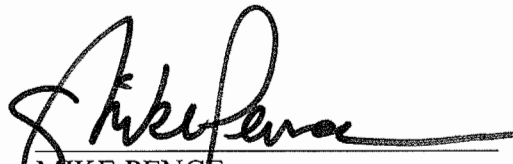
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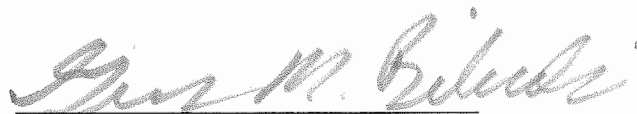
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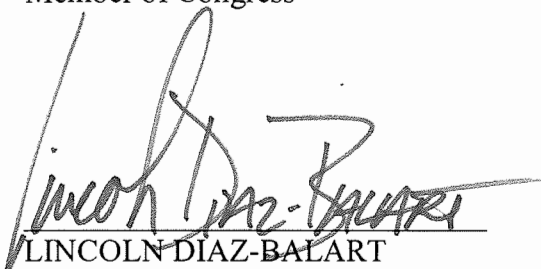
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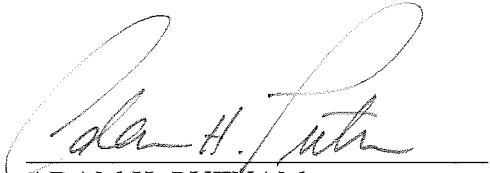
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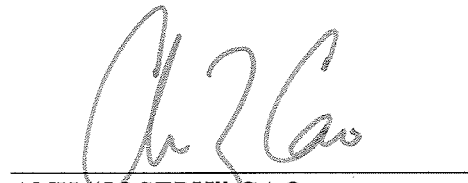
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