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President Barack Obama
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Dear Mr. President:

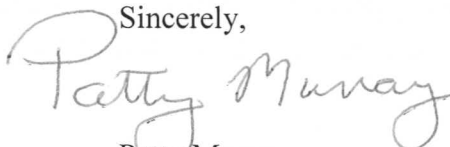
As we work to heal our economy and improve the lives of ordinary Americans, I believe that comprehensive immigration reform should remain at the top of our agenda. Passing strong comprehensive immigration reform will do much to improve the economy, protect families, and increase the security of our nation.

It is clear that our immigration system is broken. Families are unnecessarily and harshly torn apart. Businesses are unable to navigate a complex and burdensome regulatory system. Talented students trained at American colleges and universities are forced to take their skills abroad and compete against American workers instead of creating jobs here in the U.S. Businesses and families across my home state of Washington have been affected by our broken immigration policies.

Comprehensive immigration reform should work to fulfill our most deeply held American ideals. Immigration reform must provide a path for immigrants to become citizens and realize the American dream. But it should also require immigrants to show responsibility by registering with the government, paying taxes, and learning English. By bringing immigrants out of the shadows, it will allow our government to focus limited resources on smart and effective enforcement measures that improve the security of all Americans.

Our country's immigration policy remains unsustainable for the long-term health of our economy and our communities. That is why we should pass comprehensive immigration reform as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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