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The Honorable Rand Paul  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Paul:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rand Paul".

Thank you for the letter you sent me today regarding immigration reform and national security.

I appreciate the support you have shown for reforming our broken immigration system, including for a path to earned citizenship for the roughly 11 million immigrants here unlawfully today. Under the status quo, we do not know who is here and might be intending to do us harm. The bipartisan immigration reform proposal introduced last week would enable us to identify and perform criminal background and national security checks on immigrants who are here unlawfully. Additionally, this proposal would further enhance security at our nation's borders and ensure that we track those who visit this country on temporary visas to make sure they leave when they are supposed to.

This is one of the most important issues the Senate will work on this year. The Judiciary Committee has held several hearings on immigration this year, and continues to hold more. Other committees, including the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, are also holding hearings on this issue. There will be ample opportunity to amend this bill, both in committee and on the floor, as it moves through regular order. I look forward to working with you throughout this process on ways we can improve this bill and enact commonsense immigration reform that will enhance our national security, improve our nation's economy, keep families together, and fix our broken system once and for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Reid".

HARRY REID  
United States Senator