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## CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS 119<sup>th</sup> Congress

September 16, 2025

Dear Fellow Americans:

We, Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, write to you not as partisans, but as Americans alarmed at a dangerous turn in our nation’s highest court. With one decision, the Supreme Court has invited a return to dark times we swore we would never revisit — times when the color of your skin, the language you speak, or the job you work determined whether the government could target you. We are reminded of the Supreme Court at its worst: The Insular Cases, Dred Scott, Plessy vs. Ferguson. Let us be clear: the Court has departed from constitutional principle, permitting a second-class citizenship that turns race, working class, and ethnicity into barriers to equal justice.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor warned us plainly: “We should not have to live in a country where the Government can seize anyone who looks Latino, speaks Spanish, and appears to work a low-wage job... Rather than stand idly by while our constitutional freedoms are lost, I dissent.”

We dissent, too.

We dissent because the Fourth Amendment belongs to all of us. It is not conditional. It does not check your accent. It promises that no person shall be seized without cause. That promise is now at risk, and threatens the constitutional promise afforded to our families, friends and neighbors.

We dissent because this ruling is not only about immigration. It is about power — unchecked, unaccountable power. And when government power grows without limits, no one’s freedoms are safe.

We dissent because history teaches us the cost of silence. We have seen what happens when fear justifies discrimination, when rights are carved up and handed out selectively. Those were our nation’s darkest chapters, and they must not be repeated.

We dissent because silence is complicity. And we refuse to be complicit.

Let it be remembered that in this moment, we did not accept a future where liberty was rationed and justice was conditional.

We dissent. And we call on you to dissent with us.

Yours Truly,



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Adriano Espaillat  
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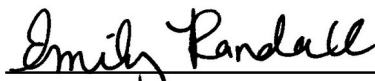
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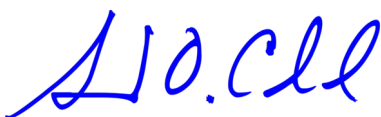
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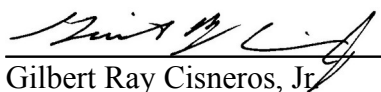
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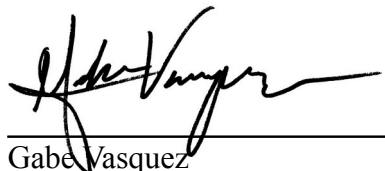
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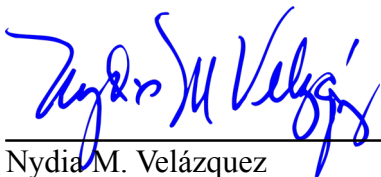
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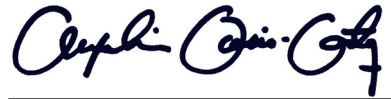
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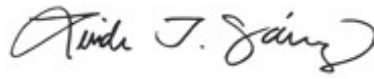
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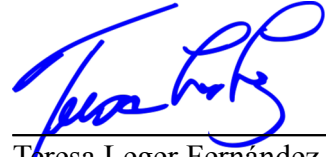
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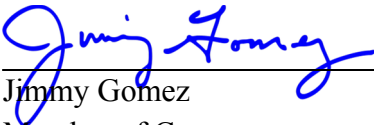
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