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Mr. Elliot Williams
Director, Congressional Relations
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Dear Mr. Williams:

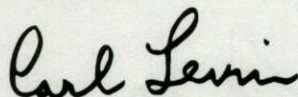
I am writing on behalf of Mr. David Bennion, staff attorney for Nationalities Service Center, and his client, Mr. Ivan Nikolov. It is my understanding that Mr. Bennion placed a deferred action request with the Detroit Field Office Director on his client's behalf. This matter is also of concern to Mr. Nikolov's stepfather and fiancée, in addition to the many constituents who have contacted me throughout Michigan.

As you will note from the enclosed correspondence, Mr. Nikolov was brought to the U.S. from Russia via Mexico by his mother in 2000. It is my understanding Mr. Nikolov and his mother were detained, but paroled into the U.S. after the Legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) determined that they had a credible fear of persecution upon returning to their home country. Since entering the U.S., it appears that Mr. Nikolov has maintained a clean criminal record and is now engaged to a U.S. citizen.

As you are aware, the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act (DREAM), of which I am a cosponsor, would provide a pathway to legal status for high school graduates who have been in the U.S. for at least five years and who were under the age of 16 when they entered the country. I have been informed that Mr. Nikolov is requesting deferred action as he attempts to pursue a GED and further his education in the hope that he would qualify for the benefits of the DREAM Act should it become law. I trust that this deferred action request will receive all due consideration.

Thank you for your time and cooperation. Please direct all correspondence to my aide, Steve Nelson, in my Detroit office at the address below. You may also send a fax to (313) 226-6534 or an electronic mail response to steve_nelson@levin.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



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