

Dear, Janet Napolitano

Once in a lifetime, you will come across someone who can change you. Ivan Nikolov, is one of those people. Ivan has been a friend of mine for a little over a year, I've moved thousands of miles away and yet he crosses my mind at least once a day.

In the winter of 2008 a friend introduced me to a young man with an undeniable ability to connect a room full of strangers. He started out by simply striking up a conversation, and weaved every person in that room into the conversation. He could make the wallflowers dance, and the most politically pitted debaters forget their points and laugh at the argument. Ivan simply connected everyone, which makes him so lovable. The evening I met Ivan, I was intent on meeting people, and Ivan taught me to mingle. Ivan changed me; Ivan made me bold- showed me how to connect and instilled confidence in me.

Today, knowing Ivan as I do and knowing his story, I can only imagine the many people he has touched. His ability to enable the world to smile and connect inspires me to change and reach out for his cause. I do this because once, I was the one needing someone to stand up and introduce me. So now, I introduce you to the Ivan I know, and he's so much more than most young men his age are. Ivan is a free spirit, a connector, a teacher. To some he is a brother, to others a friend and to me Ivan is an inspiration; Creating relationships that can last, despite the circumstances.

Thank you for your Consideration,

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Dear, Janet Napolitano

This letter is regarding my best friend Ivan Nikolov whom I've known for many years. Ivan is going to be deported to Russia on Monday August 9th, 2010 and we're hoping to stop it. Ivan is my dearest and closest friend. When I was at my lowest Ivan saved me. If it were not for him I would not be alive right now. Approximately 2 months ago a little boy not more than 4 years old was playing outside with a ball. His parents were nowhere to be found. The ball the boy was playing with rolled out into the street and into the path of an incoming car. I saw the boy running out to retrieve the ball and ran out after the boy. I managed to pull the boy away just in time for the driver to hit his brakes. The boy nearly died that day. I took the boy back to his parents who were most grateful. I told them it's not me you should be thanking but Ivan because if it weren't for him I would not be here. I have many friends but Ivan is the only one I consider a true friend. He's the only person I know that will call just to talk without wanting anything. Since he's been detained I've been visiting him every week. I only get to see him for 40 minutes but it's enough to brighten his day for a little bit. I've had so many good times with Ivan that I can't remember them all. If he were thousands of miles away in another country I don't know what I'd do. I love this country but I'm disgusted when I see how we treat outsiders. Ivan was only a child when he came into the country and has no criminal record to speak of. It just saddens me when I see murderers, drug dealers, rapists etc... treated better than a kid who has done nothing wrong except to follow his mother into the US. I implore you to do whatever you can to stop the deportation.

Sincerely,
Sean Gamble

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