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GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Bruce Chadbourne, Officer-in-Charge
United States Department of Homeland Security
Citizenship & Immigration Services
10 New England Executive Park
Burlington, Massachusetts 01803

Re: Mariano Cardoso

Dear Mr. Chadbourne:

I recently learned that Mariano Cardoso of New Britain, Connecticut, is the subject of a deportation order. This is so, in spite of the fact that he has been living in the United States since he was twenty-two months old, having been brought to this country illegally by his parents from Mexico. Mariano and his family eventually settled in New Britain and Mariano is a month away from earning his engineering degree from Capitol Community College.

I am told that Mariano has exercised every possible legal option to remain in the United States, but has been unsuccessful in his efforts. Your agency is the last remaining legal authority with the capacity to allow him to remain in this country. I therefore request that you, as the Officer-in-Charge over the Hartford United States Citizenship & Immigration Services, defer action on the enforcement of the order of deportation.

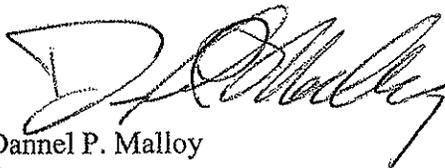
Beyond that, and, because he is in this situation through no fault of his own, I also ask for your assistance in helping Mariano earn his degree and the right to pursue a path to legal citizenship. I hope you will consider his last viable option and allow him to continue the opportunity to pursue the American dream.

I strongly support the efforts of Congress in considering the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors ("Dream Act") that would provide individuals like Mariano the opportunity to apply for temporary legal status and eventually permanent legal status and citizenship. Even if the Dream Act were eventually approved, however, it would not become effective in time to assist Mariano.

Again, I would appreciate your immediate review of the compelling and urgent concerns that, in my view, compel a decision that allows Mariano the opportunity to remain in this country.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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Governor

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