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President Felipe Calderón Hinojosa
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Dear Mr. President:

As head of America's premier organization dedicated to finding solutions to our nation's out-of-control population growth I join with many of my fellow countrymen who felt that the tone of your recent address to a Joint Session of Congress was unfortunate and entirely inappropriate. We find it extremely odd that in your address you demanded that the U.S. take a permissive view of immigration that Mexico itself doesn't take with respect to immigration into Mexico.

Many of us are working very hard to get our federal government to enforce present laws to halt the massive influx of illegal immigrants – the majority of which are from your own country. In addition, our admissions of legal immigrants are the world's most generous, with Mexico receiving by far the largest share of any nation. We feel it is both reasonable and urgent to press our government to stop the illegal flow, again the lion's share of which is from your country. As the major beneficiary of our immigration admissions, it would seem your country would accept our need to act vigorously against the illegal flow, just as Mexico does at its own borders and ports of entry.

That is why it was so insulting to have you deliver your address at a Joint Session of Congress, give interviews on CNN and other news outlets, and offer words that only serve to inflame the U.S. immigration debate and reduce our ability to resolve our immigration problems rather than eliminate them.

I found it especially appalling that as the president of a nation with some of the most restrictive and well-enforced immigration laws in the world you seem so eager to make sure that the U.S. borders continue to remain porous to any and all refugees from your country who wish to break our laws and freely enter America. Such a philosophy will only lead to more, not less, turmoil both at our border and within our society and create

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hard feelings, rather than good relations, with Mexico in the future.

Mr. President, I speak for many Americans when I say we welcome a reasonable level of legal immigration from a variety of nations, including Mexico. However, the facts are clear that 82% of our U.S. projected population increase over the coming decades will be caused by new immigrants and their descendants. With our population projected to soar past 438 million people by 2050 it is crucial that we resolve our immigration crisis before it overwhelms our future. Mexico has a critical role to play in this regard. We hope that in the future you will refrain from political posturing and that we will be able to cooperate to deal with the population growth that threatens both our countries. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald Mann". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Donald Mann
NPG President

cc:\ President Barack Obama
Secretary of State Hillary Clinton