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Director John Morton
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Re: MAYA, Emilio (A97 519 231)

Dear Director Morton:

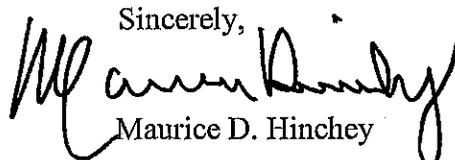
I am writing to respectfully request an extension of the Stay of Removal for Emilio Maya. I am making this request within the context of my intent to introduce a private bill on Mr. Maya's behalf.

Emilio Maya first started working as an informant for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in 2005 when he was introduced to ICE agents by a local police department. ICE approached Emilio to work as an informant on several local and federal investigations, promising him permanent lawful status. For approximately three years, Emilio served as an informant for cases involving the sale of fraudulent green cards, prostitution of minors, unlawful sale of guns, and the unlawful sale of drugs. He was wiretapped approximately five times between 2006 and 2007 and had his life threatened on numerous occasions by perpetrators who suspected that they were being recorded.

Emilio is a very well respected business owner who is involved in his community as a volunteer firefighter and the father of a young American-born daughter. There has been a constant stream of calls, letters and emails to my office showing community support, including a petition signed by hundreds of area residents. Emilio put his life in great danger in support of our nation and he was rewarded for this service by being arrested at gun point by one of the same ICE officers that wiretapped him as a confidential informant. A private bill will soon be introduced in acknowledgment of Emilio's circumstances and I respectfully request an extension of the Stay of Removal.

Thank you for your time. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Liam Fitzsimmons of my staff at (202) 225-6335.

Sincerely,



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