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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for writing with your concerns on granting legal status to some illegal immigrants. I appreciate your taking the time to get in touch.

Illegal immigration is of great concern to me, and I do not support granting blanket amnesty to illegal immigrants. However, I do think that the great quantity of illegal immigrants currently residing in the United States is a symptom of outdated immigration laws and a dysfunctional enforcement system.

I believe that it is time for us to have a nationwide conversation about our immigration policy. We need a system that controls who travels into the country, but that also takes into account economic realities and humanitarian concerns. Many industries are dependent on the labor supplied by illegal and legal immigrants, and people die every day while trying to cross the border illegally. There is a solution to our country's immigration woes, but finding that solution will depend on bipartisan agreement on a more comprehensive vision for our immigration policy.

Thanks again for contacting me. I always listen closely to what my fellow Coloradans have to say. For quicker communications, you can send me an e-mail by going to my website at <http://www.house.gov/markudall> and clicking on the "E mail me" link. You will receive an e-mail response. This will save paper and other resources.

Warm regards,

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