



July 26, 2021

Senator Joni Ernst  
730 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Ernst:

Please receive this letter as an expression of support for immigration reform, hoping that you will champion legislation to move that effort forward in a positive direction, especially allowing Dreamers, TPS/DED holders, seasonal agricultural workers, and other undocumented essential workers to integrate as fully recognized members of our society.

Our country needs immigration reform, opening paths to citizenship for immigrants who are hard-working, tax-paying, family-oriented, God-fearing, and church-going.

In Iowa, we need those folks for the future of our communities and schools, and for our work force, especially now when businesses struggle to hire qualified workers.

Catholic teaching on social justice comments on the common good: balancing rights and duties to ensure the well-being of the individual and the community.

The community benefits when individuals are assured the needful to live in dignity: food, shelter, work, fair wage, education, health care, and protection from harm.

But not everyone in our community is assured those basics, especially immigrants, many of whom have to live in the shadows, and keep silent when they are in need.

There are many ways for you to spend your political capital, but this one has a great return on investment for individuals and the community.

So, please, for the love of God, Nation, and the tired, poor, and huddled masses yearning to breathe free, take practical steps to make immigration reform a reality.

With gratitude for your service to the people that live in our land, we are

Yours in Christ,

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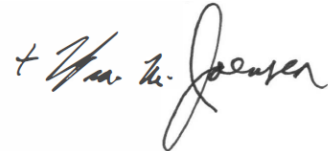
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