December 16, 2005

Mr. Terry Bressi

Dear Mr. Bressi:

Thank you for contacting our office regarding your issue with Department of Homeland Security. We have opened up an official congressional inquiry with that agency, and expect to hear back within 90 days.

We have, after continuous phone calls and correspondence, received an initial response. As soon as we receive a final response, we will be contacting you via phone or mail.

In the meantime, if you have any more information or any questions for us, please feel free to call Doralina Skidmore at (520) 622-6788.

Sincerely,

Raúl M. Grijalva
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Raul M. Grijalva  
Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
810 East 22nd Street, Suite 102  
Tucson, Arizona 85713  

Dear Congressman Grijalva:

Thank you for your facsimile of November 2, 2005, to Ricardo Velazquez, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), regarding Terrence Bressi's request that an investigation be conducted concerning allegations that he was the subject of an improper vehicle stop at a U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint.

Because the U.S. Border Patrol checkpoints are under the purview of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), a copy of your correspondence was provided to the Joint Intake Center (JIC), which oversees the administrative review process sought by Mr. Bressi, for appropriate action. JIC serves as the central Department of Homeland Security investigative body for allegations of misconduct or mistreatment by any Government or contract personnel employed by either CBP or ICE. Please know that JIC will make every effort to examine and resolve this matter.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact me at:

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Karyn V. Lang  
Director