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Mr. Harry HHilton
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Dear Mr. HHilton,

Thank you for contacting me about the executive orders signed by President Donald Trump regarding a temporary pause in immigration policy related to several countries. I enjoy hearing from constituents and appreciate the time you took to share your thoughts on this important issue.

I am glad President Trump is taking steps to clarify his executive order, particularly the exclusion of those who have already gone through the very lengthy process to obtain legal status. This caused problems for several people my office was helping, including an Iraqi interpreter who assisted our troops. The revised order clearly indicates that those with green cards or visas will be welcomed in the United States.

Under the Obama Administration, high-level officials stated that proper vetting processes were not being conducted to thoroughly vet Syrian refugees and that seven countries - Iraq, Iran, Syria, Somalia, Libya, Sudan, and Yemen - were "countries of concern." Using this information, the Trump Administration issued an executive order at the end of January and a revised executive order at the beginning of March 2017 instating temporary pauses in international travel.

As you may know, the revised executive order stops immigration from six countries (Iran, Syria, Somalia, Libya, Sudan, and Yemen) for 90 days and halts the refugee program for 120 days. Citizens of Iraq were previously subject to the temporary immigration pause, but under the revised executive order they are no longer subject to it, recognizing the role the United States and Iraq share in fighting the terrorist group ISIS.

I hope there were some lessons learned from last time and the implementation of this new executive order is successful because these are steps needed to secure programs that even Obama security officials admitted were not secure. We may not agree on every issue, but know that I appreciate you contacting me with your thoughts and concerns. I look forward to seeking common ground on future issues to improve our system of government.

Again, thank you for contacting my office. Please let me know if we can be of help to you in the future. My office assists with immigration cases for constituents in the district and as of March 8th, 2017 has helped 922 people so far with citizenship or immigration related issues. If you are experiencing trouble with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, please contact my Champaign office at 217-403-4690.

If you would like to stay informed on what is happening in the 13th District, I encourage you to sign up to receive my e-newsletter by visiting <https://rodneydavis.house.gov/contact/newsletter>. It is truly an honor to serve you in the United States Congress.

Sincerely,



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