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Robert A. Schoch
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Sandra Hutchens
Orange County Sheriff-Coroner
Orange County Sheriff's Department
550 N. Flower Street
Santa Ana, CA 92703

Dear Special Agent Schoch and Sheriff Hutchens:

I write you today to respectfully request a continued and enhanced partnership between United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Orange County Sheriff's department. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Orange County Sheriff's Department have a long history of unremitting and productive cooperation, each playing an integral role in making our community safer. It is my hope that this bond will be continuously strengthened and renewed to reflect an effective and sustained campaign against violations of federal law and local ordinance.

It has been brought to my attention, through numerous constituent complaints, that the area at the corner of Orange Avenue and Jeronimo Road in Lake Forest has been a source of consistent concern for public safety due to the influx of day laborers loitering in the area. In addition, the nature of these complaints has indicated that residents believe some of the day laborers may be in violation of federal immigration law. The consistency and level of concern from these residents leads me to believe that either U.S. Federal Law or local ordinance, and perhaps both, are being violated. It is clear to me that the aforementioned site in particular presents a hazard to public safety by impeding traffic flow, and disturbing local businesses.

While my primary concern is for the safety of the residents of Lake Forest, I feel it equally important to uphold and enforce our immigration laws. To this end, I believe a healthy working relationship between Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Orange County Sheriff's Department is the most effective way to address any immigration violations, as well as any breach of city ordinance.

Each agency has a specific role to play in this matter, and for the sake of public safety, I strongly urge you to look into this matter individually and jointly, and if necessary prosecute violations of the law. My office is happy to facilitate in this matter and, accordingly, you may contact either Brent Hall, in my Washington, D.C. office, at (202)-225-5611 or Chris Bognanno in my Newport Beach office at (949)-756-2244 with your findings, actions, or specific concerns.

I want to thank each of you for your attention to this matter and your service in making our community and nation safe. I have had the pleasure of speaking with each of you personally, and I look forward to working together on this issue in the coming days, weeks, and months. If I can ever be of service please do not hesitate to contact me.

I remain respectfully,

JOHN CAMPBELL
Member of Congress

cc: Immigration and Customs Enforcement Congressional Relations