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September 16, 2013

Dear Assistant Director Stevenson,

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of the formal visitation service proposed by the Friends of Miami-Dade Detainees at the Krome Service Processing Center. Today, I met with a group of my constituents involved with Friends of Miami-Dade Detainees. This group is an outreach program of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Miami in cooperation with a national group, Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement (CIVIC). This Congregation has a long history in this region of promoting the inherent dignity of all persons dating back 75 years.

Today, this group of dedicated individuals desires to end the isolation of those being held in immigration confinement. It is my hope that this initiative will bring aid and comfort to those in detention while work continues on comprehensive immigration reform. As a strong and consistent supporter of immigration reform I support their efforts to start the first immigration detention visitation program in the State of Florida.

Sincerely,

Joe Garcia

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