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Mr. Peter Edge
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REF: Dayana Pelaez (DOB: 12/13/1987) Daniela Pelaez (DOB: 1/17/1994)

Dear Acting Director Edge:

I respectfully request your intervention with the appropriate agencies to ensure deferred action and a stay of deportation for 18 year old Daniela Pelaez and her sister Dayana Pelaez.

Daniela and her siblings entered the US with their parents in 1991. Their parents divorced, and in 2006 their mother had to return to Colombia due to medical reasons. Daniela and her sister have been living with their father, a US resident. Their brother is currently in the US military forces.

Daniela is the valedictorian in her graduating class. She has received numerous medals and accolades including an acknowledgement from Harvard. She is also a Quest Bridge Scholar and holds a remarkable 6.7 GPA. These amazing young ladies are self-starters, dedicated and passionate. Daniela arrived to the United States at the age of 4 and has never left. She and her sister consider themselves American and they have hopes and dreams to continue living in the US where they call home. Daniela has applied to Ivy League schools and hopes to become a surgeon. They have received support from the community, demonstrating how this family has touched the hearts of everyone around them.

The Pelaez sisters, as well as the family members and the community, are respectfully requesting that their appeal be granted in order to allow them to seek any legal relief for their case, in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Member of Congress

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