



Saturday, September 12, 2009

***Grant the long awaited Justice to Julio Maldonado and Denis Calderon***

**To:** Edward G. Rendell (Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania), Janet Napolitano (Secretary, Department of Homeland Security), John T. Morton (Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement), and the President of the United States

Dear President Obama, Governor Rendell, Secretary Napolitano and Assistant Secretary Morton

I respectfully urge the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons and the Honorable Governor Rendell to grant Julio Maldonado and Denis Calderon a full pardon for the aggravated assault and related charges for which they were wrongfully convicted. Julio and Denis were victims of a racially-motivated attack in Philadelphia on August 4th 1996. The attackers were never brought to justice and their involvement in the attack never investigated. Julio and Denis's innocence was proven twice at trial yet they have been incarcerated in federal prison for the last four years for the sole reason of refusing to sign the necessary Peruvian travel documents to process their own deportations.

I also request that Secretary Janet Napolitano review this case and that DHS exercise its discretion to grant a stay of removal or deferred action to these former longtime permanent residents. Julio came to the U.S. at the age of three and became a lawful permanent resident in 1976 (A30326124). Denis came to the U.S. at the age of five and became a lawful permanent resident in 1983 (A37919176). Julio and Denis now face permanent separation from their U.S. citizen family members, including Denis's wife and children, and Julio's mother and fiancée. The only family and life they have ever known is here in America.

I stand with the family of Julio and Denis in the belief that justice in their case can and must finally be reached. To permanently exile Julio and Denis from their loved ones as innocent men represents the worst type of wrongful punishment they could face aside from death.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned  
(See Attached Signatures)