

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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His Excellency Enrique Peña Nieto  
President of Mexico  
Mexico City, Mexico

Dear President Peña Nieto,

We write to congratulate you on Mexico's significant law enforcement operation that resulted in the successful apprehension of drug kingpin Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán last week. As the world's most wanted drug trafficker, Guzmán has wreaked havoc and destroyed countless lives throughout North America, and we are grateful for Mexico's decisive actions to bring him closer to justice for his crimes.

We also want to thank you for your leadership in taking steps to strengthen the U.S.-Mexico security relationship, which is vital to deeper economic prosperity in both Mexico and the United States. In that vein, we want to applaud your decision to extradite 13 high-level drug cartel members to the United States last September and your leadership in taking the initiative to begin the extradition process for Guzmán to face charges in the United States where there are currently eight open indictments against him for his crimes.

According to press accounts, Guzmán is being held at the Altiplano prison, where we understand Mexican law enforcement has established rigorous supervision and monitoring. We appreciate Mexico's resolve in holding Guzmán securely and respectfully urge that if there are any ways to expedite Guzmán's extradition to the United States, our two countries cooperate closely to ensure that he faces justice as soon as possible. We offer our full assistance to Mexico in achieving those objectives.

We deeply value the close U.S.-Mexico relationship and look forward to working with you to pursue even stronger security and economic partnerships in the months and years ahead.

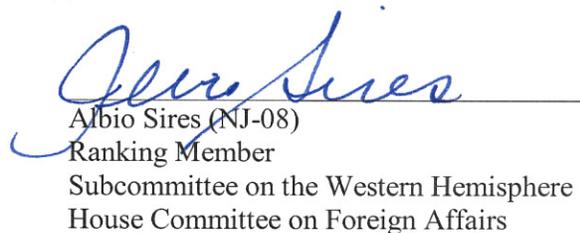
Sincerely,



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