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Dear

Thank you for attending my Crawfordsville Congress on Your Corner event on August 28, 2013. I would like to address your legislative concerns regarding immigration.

I appreciate you sharing your situation with me. Immigration is an issue that generates strong feelings on both sides of the debate. We need to pass immigration reform which tackles all sides of the issue. The temporary, patchwork fixes of the past have done little to stem the tide of undocumented immigrants crossing the border. We have also failed to implement a plan to address the millions of undocumented immigrants currently in the United States, which has only hurt those that are trying to work through the system legally, like you and your wife.

Immigration reform must produce a system that supports the economic needs of our nation. Many of the undocumented immigrants in the U.S. now are productive members of society, contributing to our economic growth. We should also focus on highly skilled immigrants; those like your wife with advanced graduate degrees, and especially in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. With smart immigration policies, we can remain economically competitive with other nations.

Our immigration system is in serious need of reform. The solutions will not be easy, but action is necessary to secure our borders, address the undocumented immigrants currently in the U.S., and maintain our economic competitiveness. It is my hope that Congress can develop a workable solution that honors the rule of law and promotes the American values that have made our nation exceptional. I appreciate your personal input on this issue. Please be assured I will keep your views in mind as Congress further debates immigration reform proposals. In the meantime, I have brought your case to the attention of Tony Will in my Danville office. Tony handles casework for issues including immigration on behalf of constituents. Please do not hesitate to call my office at (317) 718-0404 should you need assistance with your wife's petition.

Again, thank you for contacting me, and please stay in touch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Rokita".

Todd Rokita  
Member of Congress

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