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Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the Attorney General, Andrew M. Cuomo, I write to express our sincere gratitude for all the assistance given by members of the American Immigration Lawyers Association ("AILA") in organizing and running the legal clinic that was held on March 18, 2010 for the victims that reached out to our office concerning the International Immigrants Foundation ("IIF") and the International Professional Association ("IPA") and the President of the organizations, Eduardo Juarez. With your help, we provided critical guidance to more than 120 individuals and families with respect to their immigration cases.

As you know, the Attorney General has made investigating fraudulent immigration service providers a priority and we continue to pursue our mission of informing consumers, obtaining restitution for victims and achieving industry reform. Given the nature of immigration services fraud, we recognize that the harm faced by victims is not simply financial but also the severe consequences of having unauthorized individuals, who are not attorneys, providing legal advice. At the clinic, we were able to provide victims with valuable information about their immigration applications, a sense of direction about what steps to take and knowledge that will help prevent them from being further victimized by other unscrupulous providers. Without the incredible assistance of the volunteer attorneys, we could not have served so many in such an efficient manner. Their expertise, generosity and dedication to assisting the victims of immigration services fraud are what helped make this event such a success.

We would especially like to thank Allen Kaye, Deborah Notkin, Jason Abrams, Lauren DeBellis, Cyrus Mehta and Nicole Hartnett without whom this event would not have been possible. Their commitment, leadership and experience have allowed us to pursue these fraudulent immigration service providers while addressing the challenges faced by the individuals and families that have been victimized. We thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

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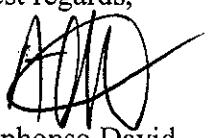
We will continue to keep you informed of the progress of our work and look forward to working with you on future events.

Best regards,



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