



Agenda Item B.19
CONSENT CALENDAR
Meeting Date: June 18, 2019

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Michelle Greene, City Manager

CONTACT: Deborah Lopez, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Letters of Support in the Matter of Juana Flores

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Authorize letters of support for H.R.1871, the Protect Patriot Parents Act, from the City Council to Salud Carbajal, U.S. House of Representatives, Honorable Doug Collins Ranking Minority Member Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. House of Representatives and Honorable Doug Collins Ranking Minority Member Committee on the Judiciary U.S. House of Representatives (Attachment 1).
- B. Authorize a letter requesting ICE to reconsider and vacate the removal and deportation order for Juana Flores and allowing her to return home, from the City Council to Thomas P. Giles, Acting Field Office Director, Department of Homeland Security, ICE Enforcement & Removal Operations (Attachment 2).

BACKGROUND:

Juana Flores first came to the United States (U.S.) without permission in 1988 at 25 years old. In 1999, she went to Mexico to visit her sick mother, and Juana was stopped by Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") on her return to the U.S. Since that time, Ms. Flore has tried to obtain permission to stay in the U.S. but was ordered to be deported. Ms. Flores then tried to obtain a delay of the deportation, but was denied a request for a Stay of Removal and was instructed to report for removal on April 1, 2019. Ms. Flores left voluntarily on her own to comply with ICE's order.

On June 4, 2019, Judge Frank Ochoa along with the family of Juana Flores, attended the City Council meeting and spoke under public comment about her case and her extensive Goleta/Santa Barbara-based U.S. family, including her U.S. citizen husband, ten children, and fifteen grandchildren. As a result, Mayor Pro Tempore Richards and Councilmember Kyriaco requested that staff prepare a report and letters of support for Council consideration.

DISCUSSION:

Juana's son Caesar serves in the U.S. Air Force as Senior Airman E-4, and Rep. Salud Carbajal (D. – Cal.) introduced HR 1871, the Protect Patriot Parents Act to address the removal or inadmissibility of parents of U.S. Armed Services members who qualify. He did so to respond to the Juana Flores case, and other like hers. Rep. Darren Soto (D. – Fla.) introduced similar legislation, HR 557 Protect Patriot Spouses Act. (Attachment 3)

Judge Ochoa has requested that the City Council consider 1) a letter of support for H.R. 1871, and 2) a communication from the City Council to ICE requesting review and modification or extension of the denial of the stay of deportation of Juana Flores, allowing her to return home to the local area. Staff has prepared draft letters for Council consideration (Attachments 1 and 2).

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors has recently supported H.R. 1871 (Attachment 4).

FISCAL IMPACTS:

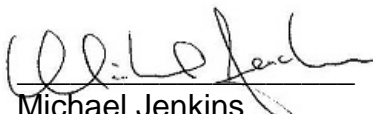
There are no fiscal impacts associated with this item.


ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council can choose to not to authorize letters of support for H.R. 1871, or for a letter from the City Council to ICE requesting review and modification or extension of the denial of the stay of deportation of Juana Flores, allowing her to return home to the local area.

Legal Review By:

Approved By:


Michael Jenkins
City Attorney


Michelle Greene
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

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Attachment 1

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The Honorable Salud Carbajal
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Carbajal:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Goleta in support of your H.R.1871, the Protect Patriot Parents Act.

Enclosed for your information are letters that we have sent to the Judiciary Committee urging support for H.R. 1871. This legislation is needed to protect military families who are facing deportation by allowing for adjustment to immigration status for parents of those who are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces. In many communities across the nation, including the City of Goleta, we have seen the impacts of a broken immigration system on local communities. H.R. 1871 will support military families and recognize their sacrifice and investment in our nation. By supporting families, this will also support military readiness and the ability of service members to perform their duties effectively.

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Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE
VICE-CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES
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Congress of the United States
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Washington, DC 20515
March 27, 2019

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The Honorable Kirstjen M. Nielsen
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

RE: Flores, Juana Maria |

Dear Secretary Nielson,

I write to you on behalf of my constituent, Mrs. Juana Maria Flores, who is scheduled to report to the Santa Maria ICE facility on April 1, 2019 to be removed from the United States. I urgently request your full consideration in providing an extension of a stay of removal for Mrs. Flores given the unique humanitarian circumstances of her case.

Mrs. Flores is a critical component of a US citizen's familial support network, will not displace anyone in the job market, has no criminal convictions, and poses no threat to national security. Our community has a strong interest in maintaining her medical caretaker role and military support system role.

Mrs. Flores's son, Cesar Flores, joined the Air Force in 2016, and recently extended his service for four more years. He intends to spend his full career serving in the United States Air Force. Cesar is stationed at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas, and stands ready to defend our nation and fight for our freedom. The stress associated with the deportation of his mother would add an unnecessary burden to his ability to focus on his military mission.

Mrs. Flores is also the primary caregiver for her son, Oscar, who suffers from schizophrenia. Oscar relies on his mother for necessary daily care and medical support. Recently, two independent psychiatric and psychological evaluations by medical professionals indicated the extreme medical harm that Oscar would suffer without Mrs. Flores in the US to care for him.

Just yesterday, I introduced legislation that would make Mrs. Flores, and other parents of US military servicemembers, eligible to adjust for Legal Permanent Resident status without needing to leave the US, H.R. 1871, the *Protect Patriot Parents Act*.

In order to allow Congress time to consider this new piece of legislation, and given the compelling military, medical, and humanitarian circumstances of this case, I respectfully request that you grant Mrs. Flores a stay of removal. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact my DC office at (202) 225-3601 or email my Legislative Director at Nancy.Juarez@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



SALUD O. CARBAJAL
Member of Congress

SANTA BARBARA IMMIGRATION LAWYERS, INC.

KRAIG W. RICE | ARNOLD S. JAFFE
ATTORNEYS

To:

From: Kraig Rice & Hon. Frank Ochoa (Ret.)
Attorneys

Date: May 7, 2019

RE: Immigration Matter of Juana Maria Flores

Co-Counsel:

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Of Counsel

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This is the compelling case of Juana Flores and her extensive US family, including her US citizen husband, ten children, and fifteen grandchildren. **ICE denied her request for a Stay of Removal and instructed her to report for removal on April 1, 2019.** She left voluntarily on her own to comply with ICE's order. This impacts a US military family, our local community, and our society at large.

Now, in just a few days, the Flores family will hold their first Mother's Day without Mom. Juana's place at the table will be empty, and her many family members will feel her absence.

Her son Caesar serves in the Air Force, and Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-Cal.) introduced legislation (HR 1871: Protect Patriot Parents Act) to prevent the removal or inadmissibility of parents of US Armed Services members.

After she stays outside the US for ten (10) years, Juana should be eligible to apply for an immigrant visa and permanent residence. During that time, however, her older grandchildren will grow into adulthood and her younger grandchildren won't get to know her. Juana has no family left in Mexico, and she now lives in a one-room house. Her US citizen husband will have to decide to move to Mexico with his wife or stay in the US to work and care for his son who has a serious medical condition. Juana's removal does not support family values.

Background

Juana is 55 years old. She first came to the United States without permission in 1988 at 25 years old. In 1999, she went to Mexico to visit her sick mother, and Juana was stopped by Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") on her return to the US.

Juana is married to Andres Flores, who is a US Citizen. He obtained permanent residence through his employer in approximately 2008, and became a naturalized citizen in or about 2013. Andres works hard to support his family, and he relies on Juana's care and support to keep him going.

Juana has no criminal convictions or adverse interactions with any law enforcement agency other than her immigration violation. Absent this technical violation (had she not traveled to Mexico), Juana would likely be able to obtain an immigrant visa and green card through her US Citizen Husband.

Juana's son Caesar serves in the US Air Force

Juana's son Caesar joined the US Air Force in 2016 and recently committed to an additional four years of active duty service. He stands ready to defend our nation and fight for our freedom, and he intends to make a lifetime career of the Air Force. The family celebrated Caesar's wedding in Santa Barbara on July 28, 2018. We have attached a photo of Caesar in uniform and a photo from his recent wedding.

United States military service members should not have to worry about the removal or deportation of their parent or immediate family members. Our country should eliminate this as a distraction to their job to protect and serve. Their work is stressful enough without this additional burden.

Juana provides a critical caretaker role for son Oscar

Juana's son Oscar lives with his parents due to a significant medical condition. He takes medication to control his condition, and he sees a specialist for regular medical evaluation. But, he relied on his mother for daily care and support. Without Juana, Oscar's doctors fear he could be a danger to himself or others.

One of physician who reviewed his case indicated that removing Juana would have significant negative impacts on Oscar's well-being and future treatment options. Another professional, cautioned that Juana's removal could cause irreparable harm to Oscar.

Juana drove Oscar to his doctor appointments, administered his daily medication, and reported positive and negative changes to his physicians. Juana provided acute care and stability to Oscar, and his doctors noted that her hands-on involvement with Oscar was a very significant factor.

Juana regularly cares for infant granddaughter

Juana's daughter Elizabeth lives at home with her parents. Elizabeth is a single mother with a one year old daughter. Elizabeth relied on Juana to care for the grandchild while Elizabeth works to support herself and her child.

The Central Coast community supports Juana

Judge Ochoa and his wife Paula Lopez coordinated local TV news coverage at Caesar's wedding and to publicize Juana's case. Headline News featured interviews with the family on national television, and Showtime cable network will feature Juana and her family in an upcoming documentary about US families facing deportation for a family member. Their film crews have captured the case as it has unfolded.

Conclusion

Due to the compelling reasons above, namely her son in the US Air Force and Juana's necessary care and support of so many US Citizen family members, we strongly encouraged ICE to grant Juana a Stay of Removal. Unfortunately, they denied it. We now urge them to grant parole so that Juana may return and resume her essential caretaking role for this family.

The removal or deportation of Juana Maria Flores and other military parents causes more problems than it solves. The number of US Citizens who will suffer from Juana's deportation far outweighs any public interest in removing Juana from the United States.

Thank you for addressing this sympathetic case and the overall impact on so many military families. Please contact Attorney Kraig Rice with any questions: (805) 897-0066.

Please direct questions regarding Rep. Carbajal's legislation HR 1871 to his Communications Director Tess Whittlesey at (805) 730-1710.

UPDATE 4/1/19

Juana and her US Citizen husband set out last night on the 30-hour drive to the town in Mexico where Juana will stay for the next ten years while she waits for the inadmissibility on her US immigration to expire. Current immigration law requires her to wait outside the United States before she can apply for a waiver to obtain her green card through her US citizen husband.

Her 15 (soon to be 16) grandchildren will now grow up without her. We may never know the long-term effects of Juana's removal on her sons and daughters, her grandchildren, or her husband. We know it won't be easy for Juana, but we especially mean the impact that her removal will have on all of these US citizens. We are certain it won't be a positive impact, and hopefully the wounds that result from this separation can heal over time.

"Phase 1: Keep Juana with her Family in the United States" is complete, and we are now working on "Phase 2: Change the Law and Bring Juana Back to her Family." Congressman Salud Carbajal introduced HR 1871: Protect Patriot Parents Act in an effort to prevent this from happening again.

We will continue to let people know about Juana's case and build support for this legislation. Last August in Florida, decorated Marine veteran Temo Juarez, watched as ICE deported his wife Alejandra. Their 16-year old daughter stayed in the US with dad, and their 9-year old daughter went to Mexico with mom. This hurts US citizen children and does not support any conceivable definition of family values. There are approximately 11,000 – 12,000 armed services members with undocumented spouses or parents. These are not "bad hombres" but family members of our US armed forces like Juana Maria Flores.

Meanwhile, a local TV news viewer contacted Salud Carbajal's office to ask how to contribute to Juana Flores and her family. As a result, one of her daughters set up this Go Fund Me page:

https://www.gofundme.com/juana-flores&rcid=r01-155409339272-ab8d3984804f403c&pc=ot_co_campmgmt_w

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A Missing Goleta Mom on Mother's Day

Even with a Son in the U.S. Armed Forces, Juana Flores Was Deported



In the U.S. since 1988, Juana Flores (left) was deported, even with a green card in the works.

Senior Airman E-4 Caesar Flores is on active duty in the U.S. Air Force and can be sent to a war zone at any time to protect our homeland.

Yet, on April 2, 2019, his mother, Juana Flores, was deported to Mexico, a country she had not lived in for over three decades. She could not cook dinner for her Goleta family on Mother's Day. She appeared via Skype, unable to touch her progeny.

She was ordered removed from the country in which her U.S. citizen husband, her 10 children, and her 16 grandchildren live. They are hardworking, home-owning, tax-paying, productive members of our society.

Juana Flores first came to the United States in 1988. That was a different time. In 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed the Immigration Reform and Control Act, which granted status to millions without documents and revised immigration control mechanisms.

On January 19, 1989, his last day in office, President Reagan awarded Presidential Medals of Freedom and said, "We lead the world because, unique among nations, we draw our people — our strength — from every country and every corner of the world. ... If we ever closed the door to new Americans, our leadership in the world would soon be lost."

Juana Flores is 55 years old. She takes no one else's job. She presents no problem for law enforcement. She drains no public resource. She is a positive, productive Goleta community member and the primary caretaker for her adult disabled son and ailing husband.

In 1999, Flores made a mistake. She went back to Mexico to attend her mother's funeral. Her exit and reentry created a legal impediment to her green card application.

If Flores had not attended her mother's funeral, she would most likely have received lawful status already.

Stays of deportation orders are discretionary calls. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) stayed Flores's removal order a number of times on humanitarian grounds. The stay remained in effect until February 26, 2019, when the Los Angeles ICE Office "determined that (the Flores) case [did] not warrant a favorable exercise of discretion, therefore (her) request [was] denied." No reason was given.

What changed between 2015 and 2019? For starters, Flores's son became an airman in the U.S. Air Force. Her family grew and prospered. She successfully managed her disabled son's life circumstances, her husband's medical maladies, and many other family needs. She added to the foundation of her social environment. She took nothing away from any U.S. citizen. Oh, and there was a change of administrations.

On April 1, 2018, the Military Times said that "as many as 11,800 currently serving in the U.S. military are dealing with a spouse or family member who is facing deportation." The Obama administration had developed a parole in place (PIP) policy for U.S. military service members' immediate family. It stayed, or suspended, such deportations.

Because Flores is a military mother, entered the United States without inspection, and has no criminal convictions or other serious adverse factors, she would have been eligible for PIP — except for the post-funeral legal impediment to her green card.

Flores complied with ICE's order when her husband, Andres Flores, drove her across the border in the family pickup truck. ICE retains the discretion to extend the stay order, today and tomorrow. Such decisions can always be, and recently have been, reconsidered and vacated.

ICE acted knowing that our Congressman, Salud Carbajal, has submitted legislation to remedy the Flores circumstance and that of thousands of other service members whose families are similarly situated. HR 1871, the Protect Patriot Parents Act, will allow a pathway to lawful status for the parent of a U.S. military service member, if the law's requirements are met.

After ICE denied Flores's request on February 26, her lawyers and Rep. Carbajal wrote to Kirstjen Nielsen, then Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, to request a stay extension.



Rep. Carbajal stated, “Mrs. Flores is a critical component of a U.S. citizen’s familial support network, will not displace anyone in the job market, has no criminal convictions, and poses no threat to national security. Our community has a strong interest in maintaining her medical caretaker role and military support system.”

The congressman’s plea fell upon deaf ears. The service member’s mother has been deported. And the stress has only begun for Airman Flores and the many thousands of our sons and daughters similarly situated. And for the Flores family in Goleta.

Our treatment of Juana Flores has a definitional impact on our society. It tells us who we are. We can support HR 1871. We can ask ICE to reconsider the denial of the stay of Juana Flores’s removal. ICE can let her return home tomorrow, or our political leadership can enact HR 1871 as law and end the anguish of so many military families.

And Juana Flores can come home.

The Hon. Frank J. Ochoa is a retired judge of the Santa Barbara Superior Court and the pro bono counsel for Juana Flores. Ochoa is of counsel with the law firm Sanger, Swysen & Dunkle. For further information, contact Frank Ochoa at judgefrankochoa@gmail.com or Kraig Rice at kraig@sbimmigrationlaw.com.

<https://www.independent.com/2019/05/23/a-missing-goleta-mom-on-mothers-day/>

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1871

To render certain military parents eligible for adjustment of status.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2019

Mr. CARBAJAL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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6 **SEC. 2. ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS FOR CERTAIN MILITARY**
7 **PARENTS.**

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14 lishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary that
15 the alien does not pose a threat to the public
16 and has not committed any criminal offenses in
17 violation of Federal or State law unrelated to
18 the alien’s status.

19 “(2) An alien is described in this paragraph if the
20 alien—

21 “(A) is a parent of a United States citizen
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2 and

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5 leased under honorable conditions; and

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7 fication under section 204(a)(1)(A) as an immediate
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(Original Signature of Member)

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Flores, Juana – Campaign Packet



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Thomas P. Giles, Acting Field Office Director
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Thomas P. Giles:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Goleta requesting ICE to reconsider and vacate the removal and deportation order for Juana Flores and allowing her to return home.

Congressman Salud Carbajal, has submitted into the legislative process a bill, H.R. 1871, the "Protect Patriot Parents Act" on March 26, 2019. The Protect Patriot Patents Act would grant lawful status to Juana Flores and thousands of other family members of active or inactive members of the United States Armed Forces. The bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on March 26, 2019, and thereafter to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship on May 3, 2019.

Juana Flores, in compliance with the ICE directive, self-deported to Mexico when her husband drove her across the border on April 2, 2019; and she reported to the nearest U.S. embassy office as directed by ICE officials.

The Goleta City Council, on behalf of the City of Goleta wholeheartedly encourages ICE and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to review its exercise of discretion and that it reweigh the factors which affect that discretionary determination made on February 26, 2019, and upon reconsideration of that decision, that Immigration and Customs Enforcement reinstate and extend the stay of removal and deportation of Juana Flores and allow her to return to her Goleta home as soon as is possible.

Please accept our request ICE to reconsider and vacate the removal and deportation order for Juana Flores and allowing her to return home.

Sincerely,

Paula Perotte,
Mayor

Attachment 4

County of Santa Barbara Support Letters

DAS WILLIAMS

First District

GREGG HART

Second District, Vice Chair

JOAN HARTMANN

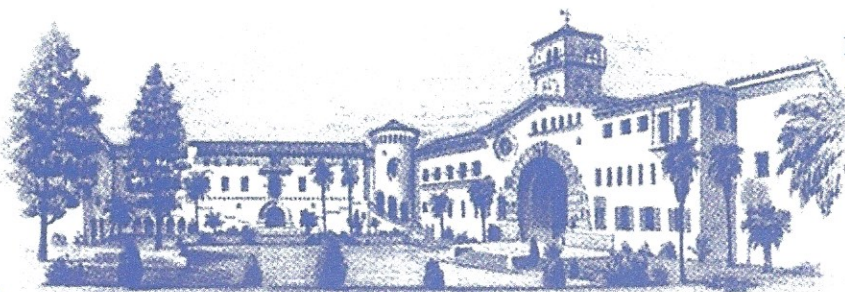
Third District,

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May 28, 2019

The Honorable Salud Carbajal
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Carbajal:

I am writing on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara in support of your H.R.1871, the *Protect Patriot Parents Act*.

Enclosed for your information are letters that we have sent to the Judiciary Committee urging support for H.R. 1871. This legislation is needed to protect military families who are facing deportation by allowing for adjustment to immigration status for parents of those who are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces. In many communities across the nation, including Santa Barbara County, we have seen the impacts of a broken immigration system on local communities. H.R. 1871 will support military families and recognize their sacrifice and investment in our nation. By supporting families, this will also support military readiness and the ability of service members to perform their duties effectively.

The County supports comprehensive immigration reform and this issue helps illustrate the need for legislative action. Recognizing the vulnerability of armed forces personnel would be a good start towards a comprehensive bill. Immigrants and their families, regardless of whether they are authorized or unauthorized to be in this country, contribute in numerous ways. This is especially true for those who serve and protect our nation in the military.

Please continue to work to enact comprehensive immigration reform and H.R. 1871 to protect to protect military families.

Sincerely yours,

Don Gilcrest
Washington Representative

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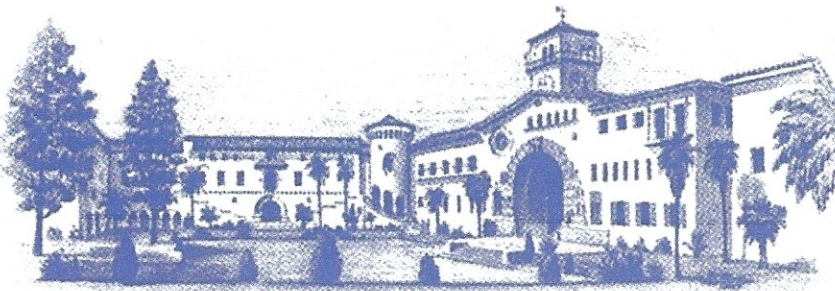
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The Honorable Doug Collins
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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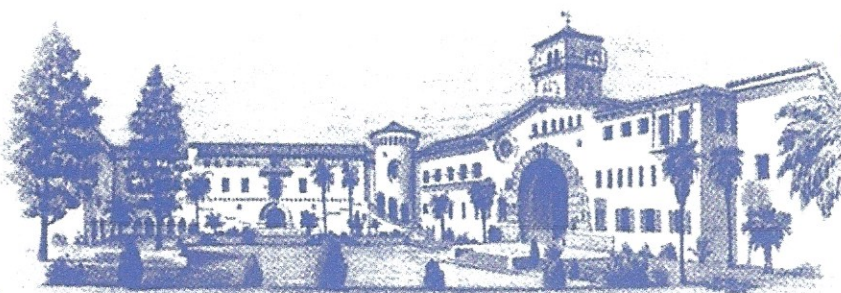
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Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
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