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December 19, 2013

The Honorable Diane Black  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1531 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Black:

The Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) would like to thank you for introducing legislation to permanently eliminate the illegal alien lobbyist position within U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

ICE created a new "Public Advocate" position to advocate for illegal aliens in February 2012. Thanks to your efforts, Congress cut off funding for this position in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013. Although President Obama signed the bill eliminating the position into law, the Administration simply changed its title to "Deputy Assistant Director of Custody Programs and Community Outreach" and otherwise kept the same employee in a position with the same job description.

Your bill, H.R. 3732, would stop the Administration's skirting of this law. It prohibits federal funds from being used to fund any position at ICE that performs the exact or "substantially the same" functions as the former "Public Advocate" or "Deputy Assistant Director of Custody Programs and Community Outreach" positions.

By introducing this legislation, you have demonstrated your commitment to putting the interests of the American people before those of illegal aliens, and to preventing the Obama Administration from further undermining our immigration system. Again, FAIR thanks you for your hard work and dedication to this issue.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Stein, President  
Federation for American Immigration Reform

