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## United States Senate

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The Honorable William Frist  
U.S. Senate Majority Leader  
S-230 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid  
U.S. Senate Minority Leader  
S-221 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leaders Frist and Reid:

I write to urge you as leaders of the Senate to find a bipartisan, effective and practical solution to our nation's immigration problem. Americans from all walks of life want their Senate to act and to reject both the status quo and incomplete, unworkable solutions. We were so close, before the recess, to delivering on our responsibilities. I believe it is imperative that Members on both sides of the aisle work to put the Senate back on course to consider comprehensive immigration reform legislation.

In Colorado, I have met several times with leaders from business, agriculture, labor, civil rights, and faith communities. They have urged us to work in a bi-partisan manner to enact sensible solutions to our immigration challenges. Their message has been simple and clear: we need reform now.

I worked with a bi-partisan group of Senators committed to enacting comprehensive immigration reform that is tough, fair, and practical. Building on the excellent work of the Senate Judiciary Committee, our discussions and negotiations made real progress. While I was very disappointed we were unable to break the impasse, I was encouraged by the number of Senators truly committed to immigration reform. It is not too late to seize this opportunity to enact real reform.

Because resolving our broken immigration laws is a matter of national security, the Senate must find time to continue working on this issue. While we still have not developed the precise formula for change, I know that the vast majority of our body believes that we cannot continue to have porous borders, lax enforcement and millions of immigrants living in the shadows. Our job is not done; I believe we must complete this critical task of immigration reform for the safety, security, and economic health of our country.

I pledge to work with you to ensure that the Senate returns to debating immigration reform legislation as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Salazar".  
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