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This fact cripples my ability to grow my business.

I do know a few other facts regarding Walter, which I believe, should have a positive bearing on his current situation. He was brought to this country, illegally, when he was about two years old. He did not enter this country by his own choice. He has lived the majority of his life with his paternal grandmother, a legal resident of the United States of America. He has been an honor student and has earned an associate's degree, with honors. He has, of his own choice, logged more than 1,000 hours of community service.

He is, in all respects, a better and more worthy citizen than I, a born citizen. I wish for our founding Father's compassion, inclusiveness, and once-in-a-world wisdom and desires on Walter's behalf.

Sincere regards, and thank you for your kind and thoughtful consideration.

I am available for conversation, deposition, sworn testimony, etcetera, on Walter Lara's behalf.

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**From:** Isabel Vinent (Latapizca@gmail.com)  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2009  
**Subject:** Stop Walter Lara's Deportation

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**I would like to state We are against Walter Lara's Deportation.**

Walter Lara, like many other undocumented students, immigrated to the U.S. when he was only a young child. Walter has lived in the United States his whole life and was completely oblivious to his undocumented status until he tried applying for college. He has never had any problems with the law. All he ever wanted to do was to go to school and have a successful career, but our country's laws prevented him to continue his education after he graduated from the Honors College at Miami Dade College.

He attained a job installing satellites. On a work assignment, he went to Fisher Island, and as he was about to get on the ferry when police officials became suspicious, questioned him, discovered that he was undocumented, and turned him over to ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), and was detained for 20 days in a detention center. After experiencing this hardship, Walter was forced to sign a document volunteering his deportation to Argentina, a country he has never known, on July 6th.

***Every year 65,000 undocumented students graduate each year from high school with very little chance of pursuing their dreams of access to higher education, including 5,000 here in Florida.***

Please stop the deportation of Walter Lara and support the Dream Act.

Sincerely,

**Isabel Vinent**

Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC)

PBCCIR Liaison and Statewide Legalization Campaign Aid

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**From:** Lucero Vargas (intern@unitefordignity.org)  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2009  
**Subject:** Stop Walter Lara's Deportation

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Please, stop Walters Lara Deportation, because Walter came to the United States from Argentina when he was just 3 years old, and almost 20 years later, he is being deported for reasons we are still trying to understand. As of today, he is set to be deported by July 6th to a country he has never known.

Walter has lived in the United States his whole life, completely oblivious to his undocumented status until he tried applying for college. He has never had any problems with the law. All he ever wanted to do was to go to school and have a successful career - but our country's laws prevented him to continue his education after he graduated from the Honors College at Miami-Dade College. He has even demonstrated the amazing asset he is to our community, by completing 1000 hours of community service just in his high school years. It would be a disservice to both him and to our country's values to deport him. After all, what crime did Walter commit? Why are we squandering all of his talent?

Greetings,

Lucero Vargas

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**From:** Steve Newtree (stevewnewtree@gmail.com)  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2009  
**Subject:** Here you go!

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This is a letter in support of Walter Lara. Walter is an extremely intelligent adult having graduated from the Honors College at Miami-Dade in 2006. Walter has done everything right a person could do; he has received an education and stayed out of trouble in all of his years here. He was only three when he was brought from Argentina. I am saddened to hear that the United States a country built on immigrants will send him back to a land he doesn't even remember seeing. Please help my friend Walter as he is a friend to all of us, he is innocent and has never harmed anyone. Please do not deport Walter Lara, a person with strong potential could do so much for everyone in the future.

Thank you

Steve  
Miami Beach, FL

**From:** Gabriela Mejia <petuniach@hotmail.com>  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2009  
**Subject:** Stop Walter's deportation

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To whom it may concern:

Hello, my name is Gabriela Mejia and I am currently a second year student at Miami Dade Honors College. I am in favor of the DREAM ACT and an active member of SWER (Students Working for Equal Rights). I have had the opportunity to hear Walter's upsetting and tragic news about his deportation. For the small time that I've had the chance to talk to him I recognized that he was a wonderful and hardworking student. He is part of this country and it will be a loss to deport him back to Argentina, the country in which he does not view as his home. With all I have previously mentioned, I hope it is clear that I do not support or agree with his deportation for I see it unjust and inhuman. He is not a criminal, but a great asset to this country. Thank you for your time and I sincerely wish his deportation will be revoked.

Sincerely,  
Gabriela Mejia

**From:** Vickie Mena (v.mena80@gmail.com)  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2009  
**Subject:** Stop the deportation of Walter Lara!

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To whom ever can help,

As a US citizen and Florida resident I must express my outrage at the pending deportation order of Walter Lara. Although he was born in Argentina he has been in the US since the age of 3 and therefore has grown up as an American.

I have had the distinct pleasure of spending time with Walter who is an extremely talented and intelligent individual. His ambitions and contributions could be potentially endless to this country. I am shocked and disappointed in the system that allows for children to be held accountable for the mistakes of their parents.

I am a concerned taxpaying citizen that has heard too many stories of separated families and broken dreams for undocumented youth. The system must be fixed, and it should begin with Walter Lara. A deserving hard working youth who wishes nothing more than to be an active participating member of this country, the only one he's ever known.

I urge to act quickly! Please do all you can to create awareness around this situation and halt the deportation of Walter Lara!

In solidarity,  
Victoria Mena

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**From:** Erica Sologuren (erikasxoxo@hotmail.com)  
**Date:** Friday, June 26, 2009 at 12:30 AM  
**Subject:** My Letter of Support

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Erika, and I am a college student from Jacksonville, FL. I am writing the present letter in order to show my support for a fellow Floridian, **Walter Lara**, who is on the verge of being deported back to a country which he does not know.

Having personally met **Walter Lara** a few days ago in Washington, D.C., it pains me to see such a bright and talented young man put through such a terrible ordeal. Walter came to this country at the age of 3; he is as American as anyone who was born in this country. I am confident to say that if allowed to stay in his home, America, he will continue to excel and work hard as he has been doing so all his life.

We cannot allow this injustice to take place; **Walter Lara** belongs in the United States, the only home he has ever known; and I refuse to accept that a country like ours would treat a young man who has only done his best not only by working hard for his dreams and family, but also for standing up and working within his community.

I would like to see my state's senator's support and sign **Walter's** private bill so that he may have a chance to pursue his American Dream, as the rest of us.

Cordially,  
Erika R. Sologuren  
Civil Engineering Major  
Miami Dade college  
Jacksonville FL

**From:** Malu and Bruno Zeitel (mjlacayo@aol.com)  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2009  
**Subject:** For Walter

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To whom it may concern,

We believe that Walter should stay in the United States and fulfill his dream regardless of what his status is.

It is unfair for him to have to suffer for something that he had no control over. Its also unfair that an able and intelligent person has to put a stop on all his goals because of a flaw in the immigration system. We believe that he should stay in the United States and be given rights and an opportunity which possible could not have been possible in his country of birth.

Sincerely,  
Malu and Bruno Zeitel

**From:** Anjanette Asenjo (Anjanette.asenjo@gmail.com)  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2009  
**Subject:** Walter Lara

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Mr. Lacayo,

I want to add my voice to the many who are protesting the deportation of Walter Lara. This is both a travesty and an injustice as well as a clear example of our broken immigration system. He has spent all his life here and has clearly proven his worth. Please stop his deportation!

Sincerely,  
Anjanette Asenjo

**From:** Giovany Delgado (13057467740@tmomail.net)  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2009  
**Subject:** Walter Lara

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I Giovany Delgado is against Walter Lara's deportation. Stop deporting DEAMERS!

**From:** Kellyn (kyale\_1@hotmail.com)  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2009

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I'm against the deportation of Walter Lara.

**From:** Silvia Cubides (coroticocol@hotmail.com)  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2009  
**Subject:** NO A LA DEPORTACION

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Walter un excelente estudiante ejemplo para la juventud, sin ninguna actitud que reprochar sea enviado a un pais donde no tiene ni conoce a [nadie.no](http://nadie.no) es justo que sea tratado como un delincuente cuando su unico problema es querer superarse. No a la deportacion.

**From:** lahubshabmbina@tmomail.com  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2009  
**Subject:** Walter Lara

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I'm against Walter Lara's deportation.

**From:** Fabio Pineda (796523532@mymetroPCS.com)  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2009

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My name is Fabio Pineda and I'm against Walter Lara's deportation.