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Mr. Gregory J. Archambeault
Field Office Director
San Diego Field Office
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
880 Front Street #2232
San Diego, CA 92101

Mr. Joseph Greene
Assistant Field Office Director
Otay Mesa Detention Center
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
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Dear Field Office Director Archambeault and Assistant Director Greene:

I write to you today to urge you to release Mr. Orr Yakobi, a University of California, San Diego (UCSD) student and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program enrollee who was detained on January 8, 2018 after accidentally crossing the border.

Mr. Yakobi was a passenger in a vehicle that accidentally crossed the border yesterday after entering the wrong freeway onramp after leaving the Las Americas outlet mall in San Ysidro. The freeway then forced them into Mexico where the driver of the vehicle turned around before being stopped by Border Patrol. By all accounts, Mr. Yakobi had no intention of crossing the border and violating the requirements of the DACA program.

Mr. Yakobi is an excellent student who is just a few classes away from graduating with a computer science degree from UCSD and has met all of the terms of the DACA program. Crossing the border was clearly an accident, one that apparently happens with regularity after people leave this outlet mall.

Because there are no extraordinary circumstances for his continued detention, I ask that Mr. Yakobi be immediately released or at a minimum, be paroled from Immigration and Customs Enforcement while the case is reviewed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Gloria".

TODD GLORIA

Assemblymember, 78th District

