

**From:** "Karr, Barrett"  
**To:** "Lungren, Jeffrey E."  
**Subject:** FW: 08.07.08 Rep. Kildee Letter re father of deceased 1st Lt Robert Gerren requesting a pardon of Ramos and Compean  
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From: Nugent, Caroline F.  
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To: Herzog, John T.; Plaisted, Margeaux D.; Bray, Chara R.; Howard, Benjamin R.; Dennard, Paris P.; O'Connor, Kathleen; Karr, Barrett

Cc: Nugent, Caroline F.; Silivos Intern, Stosh M.  
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August 7, 2008

To: Mr. David Hobbs  
 Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs  
 White House  
 The West Wing  
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
 Washington, DC 20502-0001

From: Congressman Dale E. Kildee  
 Attn: Jacob Bennett  
 916 Washington Avenue  
 Suite 205  
 Bay City, MI 48708

Re: Duane Gerren (Father of 1st Lt. Robert Gerren)

Mr. Duane Gerren spoke with Congressman Kildee at his son's memorial service in Michigan and he asked the Congressman to pass on his message to President George W. Bush. Mr. Gerren's son was 1st Lt. Robert Gerren who was with the crew of the B-52 Bomber that crashed just off Guam on July 24th, 2008. His only request to the Congressman is for a presidential pardon for U.S. Border Patrol Officers, Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean. He states this was one of his last conversations with his son before he died and he would like to follow through with his sons wish to send President Bush this message. Enclosed you will find a copy of his original e-mail.

If you need any further information or have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jacob Bennett by phone at (989) 891-0991, by fax at (989) 891-0994, or via e-mail at [jacob.bennett@mail.house.gov](mailto:jacob.bennett@mail.house.gov).

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**Bennett, Jacob**

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From: Duane Gerren PRA-P6/FOIA(b)6  
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2008 4:53 PM  
To: comments@whitehouse.gov  
Cc: Bennett, Jacob  
Subject: U.S. Border Patrol Officers Pardon

Duane B. Gerren

**PRA-P6/FOIA(b)6**

President George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

August 6, 2008

Re: U.S. Border Patrol Officer Pardon

Dear President Bush:

If I had to choose one word that describes my family, it would be PATRIOTS. My father and his brothers served in World War II. I served in Viet Nam as a 1st Lieutenant and was honored to have received the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. I do not consider myself a hero in anyway. I did what any American serviceman would have done if put in that situation.

After serving my military obligation I fulfilled a life long desire to become a Michigan State Trooper and retired from that position. After retirement, I moved to Colorado and was elected to the position of Dolores County Commissioner in 2001.

No father could be prouder of his children. All three of my children have served in the United States military. My stepdaughter served 4 years in the U.S. Navy, my daughter served 4 years in the U.S. Air Force and my son, 1st Lt. Robert Gerren, was proudly serving in the U.S. Air Force until last week when his B-52 bomber crashed off the island of Guam. My son and the rest of his crew (Raider 21) died the most honorable death possible, in uniform, serving their country.

Sir, on behave of my family, I am asking that you pardon the two United States Border Patrol officers, Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean, who were serving this beautiful country of our. One of the last conversations I had with my son was about the injustice served in this matter.

Respectfully,

Duane B. Gerren

P.S. I wish you good luck on your retirement and thank you Sir for a job well done.