Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 7, 2014

The Honorable Jesús Murillo Karam
Procuraduria General De La Republica
C/O Embassy of Mexico
1911 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear General Karam:

We are writing with great concern regarding the case of Andrew Tahmooressi, a U.S. citizen and Marine Corps veteran, who has been incarcerated in the La Mesa Penitentiary in Tijuana, Mexico.

We've been informed that Andrew mistakenly crossed the U.S.-Mexico border with firearms that were legally possessed in the United States, and was subsequently arrested by Mexican authorities for weapons trafficking. We believe Andrew never intended to enter into Mexico, and reached a border checkpoint only after missing an exit and mistakenly entering the El Chaparral inspection area.

We fully respect Mexico's right to enforce its laws, but we believe Andrew is not a criminal or a weapons trafficker. He is a Marine Corps veteran who served his country honorably, and simply got lost in an area that he was unfamiliar with. We ask you to ensure that his case is dealt with expeditiously and fairly and after you further review the facts, we are confident that you will come to the same conclusion we have—that Andrew's case should be dismissed.

We appreciate your consideration and thank you for your careful attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress

Juan Vargas
Member of Congress

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