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Barack Obama, U.S. President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

President Obama,

Hispanics represent a significant portion of the U.S. population, and according to the US Census Bureau, account for 35% of the population of the City of Hermiston. But we all know the percentage of Hispanic residents in our town is higher than reported. Our schools are 43% Hispanic.

The un-documented immigrants in our community are hardworking members of our local society who contribute greatly to our town and its economy in many ways. Unfortunately, these people face many obstacles and un-certainties due to their immigration status. These obstacles also create challenges in our regional labor-market, while the un-certainties for these residents suppress their long-term local investments in homes, small businesses, and their sense of community and belonging.

The Mayor and Councilors of the City of Hermiston, representing the 17,000 residents of the largest city in Eastern Oregon, formally request that you make fair and sensible immigration reform laws a priority and work to make fair and sensible laws allowing for the legalization of worthy un-documented immigrants.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Drotzmann  
Mayor

George Anderson  
City Councilor

Lori Davis  
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