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Ambassador Jeffrey Delaurentis  
United States Embassy  
Calzada between L & M Streets,  
Vedado, Havana, Cuba

REF: **Orquidia Martinez (DOB: 08/30/1975)**

Dear Ambassador De Laurentis,

I am writing on behalf of Ms. Katuska Cardoso who has contacted my office seeking to secure an expedited non-immigrant visa for her cousin, Orquidea Martinez, to allow her to travel to the U.S. to make final arrangements for her only son, Alejandro Barrios Martinez, who was a victim of the Orlando, Florida attack this past Saturday, June 11.

Ms. Cardoso explains that Alejandro, a 21 year old, was a young victim of this attack. He had immigrated to the U.S. in 2014 and regrettably died without seeing his mother again after arriving in the U.S. Ms. Cardoso says that Ms. Martinez' only wish is to be able to attend her son's services and say farewell to him. Ms. Cardoso states that this is an extremely difficult time for her family, and the physical separation makes it more difficult to bear this terrible tragedy. For these reasons, Ms. Cardoso, on behalf of her family, respectfully requests your prompt attention and issuance of a non-immigrant visa for Ms. Martinez to allow her to travel to the U.S. as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen  
Member of Congress

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