

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



ROBERTO R. ALONZO

DISTRICT 104

September 8, 2005

Ms. Trine Gamez
Centro Gamez, Inc.
3701 Plains Blvd., Suite 46
Amarillo, Texas 79102

RE: Letter of Support for Alberto Sifuentes and Jesus Ramirez

Dear Ms. Gamez:

I am writing this letter to endorse the growing support for the Sifuentes and Ramirez case as cited above, and applaud the unselfish, great work that both the HaynesBoone Law Firm of Dallas and Centro Gamez are undertaking on their behalf. I have examined the case closely, and have stayed in touch with its progress through the years. Like so many other cases across the U.S. and Texas with such similar characteristics hastily tried before our judicial system, I am not surprised that the State of Texas continues to wipe its hands clean because of its failure to examine all the facts and evidence more thoroughly when the men were convicted in 1998. I am saddened that to this day, we continue to hear of innocent individuals such as Alberto and Jesus being incarcerated for crimes they did not commit because of weak cases and the State's failure to thoroughly examine the facts more closely and objectively, rather than on hearsay or because of a person's skin color or ethnicity.

At the same time, I applaud the unselfish efforts and professionalism of attorneys like those from HaynesBoone and the advocacy work from organizations like yours that keep cases like this in the forefront to prove the innocence of people like Alberto and Jesus. I wish you luck in your endeavors and remain confident that both young men will come out victorious in their case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roberto R. Alonzo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Roberto Alonzo
Texas State Representative
District 104 - Dallas

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