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December 19, 2003

Peter Gadiel P.O. Box 129 Kent, CT. 06757

Dear Peter.

I want to express my heartfelt "thank you" to you and 9/11 Families For A Secure America for your efforts in defeating SB67, the bill that would have allowed illegal immigrants to obtain driver's licenses in Illinois.

I appreciated that you took time, on such short notice to travel to our Capitol and work so diligently on this issue. This bill was poised to pass, but I am convinced that your tireless efforts helped to turn the tide. Your personal testimony at the press conference, Republican caucus presentation, and face to face meetings with legislators over those two days had a powerful impact.

Also, please be aware that even though this may be seen as a "political victory", your personal tragedy of losing your son, James is not forgotten. That you have chosen to apply your sorrow into an effort ensuring the safety of other Americans, is very touching and an inspiration to the rest of us.

Please accept this statuette of Illlinois' most favored son, Abraham Lincoln as a small token of my thanks. Mary Christman Dew Year!

Very sincerely,

Christopher J. Lauzen