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Attached please find a letter sent to Mayor David Cicilline by John Loughlin, candidate for Congress in RI-1. The letter was transmitted via e-mail to mayor@providenceri.com and a hard copy has been mailed.

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The Honorable David Cicilline
Providence City Hall
Room 202
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mayor Cicilline,

First and foremost, let me congratulate you on your primary win. I look forward to debating you in the upcoming weeks. As you know, there are numerous issues on which we disagree. Among them is the issue of illegal immigration.

Under your leadership, Providence has been run as a "sanctuary city." After Governor Carcieri issued an executive order in 2008 to crack down on illegal immigrants, the Providence Police Department was uncooperative. The Governor's executive order urged local law enforcement to determine the immigration status of people being investigated, taken into custody, or arrested for a crime. Your failure to follow this order has created a magnet for illegal immigration in the city of Providence, and put the public safety at risk. Only a few months after the Governor's order was issued (and ignored by you), an illegal alien, Marco Riz, kidnapped a woman and raped her multiple times in a park. Riz had been previously been detained twice by the Providence Police.

I am for upholding the rule of law. I believe we should shut off taxpayer benefits to illegal immigrants, particularly given our budget crisis. I believe local law enforcement should cooperate with federal authorities in identifying and deporting people who are in the country illegally. Recently, the DREAM Act was proposed in Congress. This legislation would grant amnesty to illegal immigrants who go to college or join the military. I am opposed to amnesty and will vote against this bill if it ever comes before me.

I ask that you join with me in promising to vote against the DREAM Act and also oppose any other form of amnesty for illegal immigrants. It's time we focus our efforts on shutting off the magnets that encourage people to come here illegally.

I look forward to your response.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Loughlin II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "J" and "L".

John J. Loughlin II