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Dear Undersecretary Sada,

We write to express our strong support for law enforcement cooperation between the U.S. and Mexican governments, which has led to the extradition of Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzman to the United States.

Such cooperation is in the national interest of both our countries. Transnational criminal organizations, such as the one that Mr. Guzman led, remain a significant threat to public health and public security on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border.

As you know, the law enforcement partnership known as the Merida Initiative began under Presidents George W. Bush and Felipe Calderón and has been strengthened under Presidents Barack Obama and Enrique Peña Nieto. As we move forward, we must continue to work together to strengthen and reform law enforcement and justice sector institutions. We must also redouble our efforts to fight against corruption, ensuring that government officials are held to the highest ethical standards.

Please count on our continued friendship and support for ongoing cooperation between the United States and Mexico.

Sincerely,


  
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