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Secretary Janet Napolitano
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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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Dear Secretary Napolitano,

Since the first reports emerged of this recent outbreak of swine flu, my attention has been caught – as have the attention of our concerned world. The swiftness this infection has crossed from its originating country of Mexico throughout the rest of North America, and now Europe as well, combined with the rapidly rising number of those infected, evidences all the hallmarks of a very serious outbreak.

While I commend the response of your Department's reaction thus far to the epidemiological data from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as well as The World Health Organization (WHO), I strongly urge you to not underestimate the seriousness of this outbreak. Mexico reported the number of people infected from 1,000 to 1,600 seemingly overnight. What would prevent those similar numbers from being reached here in the United States but for the diligence of those of us entrusted with the safety of the public care.

You can be assured this Member of Congress will do everything he can to provide enough money in the supplemental to give the Department of Homeland Security every resource it needs to combat this outbreak of swine flu as well as the funds necessary to help our neighbors in this time of profound difficulty and uncertainty.

With kindest regards,



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