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Mr. W. Gregory Wims
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Dear Mr. Wims:

 I recently learned that Mrs. Rebecca Quansah, the mother of my constituent, Bridgette Quansah, was granted a non-immigrant visa by the Consulate in Accra, Ghana to travel to the United States.

I understand that Ms. Quansah's husband, Richard Kyeremeh, was a United States citizen and a program assistant at NASA. Mr. Kyeremeh was to be deployed on June 1, 2005 to the U.S. Naval base in San Diego, California, but was tragically murdered on January 9, 2005. The accused was recently convicted of all of the murder charges against him and I am thankful that Ms. Quansah will have her mother by her side to support her during the sentencing phase of the trial.

I am pleased to have been able to assist you in this matter. The circumstances surrounding this event are truly unfortunate. I am grateful, though, that when families are facing difficult and trying times, there are groups such as the Victims' Rights Foundation to support our community.

Thank you for your good work. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Friedman in my District office at 301-927-5223.

Sincerely,



Chris Van Hollen
Member of Congress

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