Date: March 4, 2014

To: Majority Leader John Mills

County Legislators

Dear John,

For the past three years I have been involved with VIVE Ia Casa. Home to over 80 individuals, with nearly 50 % of them waiting for permanent status in the United States. Some have been here for several years.

I request to come before the Health and Human Service Committee as soon as possible, to revisit ways by which the County of Erie could assist VIVE.

John, I ask you to consider this. What if VIVE had to close its doors, where would the families have gone during such a harsh winters? We're talking babies.

I look forward to your response. This issue is one both parties should embrace. Thank you for always lending a friendly ear and an open mind.

Please feel free to call me at 716-998-4007 or Bing's 716-839-5788

Sincerely,

Shelly Schratz, VIVE volunteer