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Ms. Lesley Stahl  
Correspondent  
60 Minutes  
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Dear Ms. Stahl:

After watching your report on Lou Dobbs, I felt it necessary to respond to Mr. Dobbs' characterization of a meeting he had with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), of which I am a member.

The purpose of the meeting was to have a constructive conversation about the issue of immigration and to raise concerns about the content and tone of his reporting. For Mr. Dobbs to suggest that we spent our time discussing his culinary preferences is foolish and wrong.

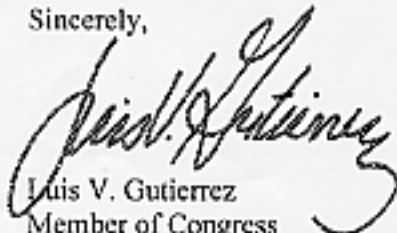
I can guarantee you that no one in the CHC cares what foods Mr. Dobbs has eaten. What we care about is the way he attacks and demeans our nation's immigrant community.

The immigration issue is complicated and emotional. I respect -- and work with -- people on all sides of this debate every day. What I don't respect are people who stoke the fear and trepidation of the American public by fueling this complex debate with inaccuracies and distortions, as was pointed out in your reporting on Mr. Dobbs.

We need immigration reform in this country. That Mr. Dobbs and I agree on. Unfortunately, Mr. Dobbs' actions make it more difficult for serious people on both sides of the aisle to get this done because of his desire to obfuscate this debate.

I think your reporting shined a light on his form of advocacy, without accuracy, journalism, and I appreciate this opportunity to comment on his mischaracterization of our meeting.

Sincerely,



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