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CONGRESSMAN CHARLES RANGEL

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CONG. RANGEL DEMANDS FEDERAL PROBES INTO KILLING OF PUERTO RICAN ACTIVIST BY FBI AGENTS

Lawmaker Calls on Justice Department and Congress to Bring Those Responsible to Justice

Outraged by the killing of Puerto Rican political activist, Filiberto Ojeda Rios, by federal authorities, Congressman Charles Rangel today called for thorough investigations of the incident by the U.S. Justice Department and Congress in order to bring those responsible to justice.

Congressman Rangel said he was outraged by press reports about the incident. "No matter what controversy Mr. Rios may have been involved in, the authorities had absolutely no right to shoot him down and then leave him to die alone without medical attention. I share the pain and grief of his family and the people of Puerto Rico who are rightfully outraged by this incident."

In letters to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and House of Representatives Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner and Ranking Member John Conyers, Congressman Rangel said he wanted a "thorough investigation into this matter to determine the reasons for this action, and what will be done to bring those responsible--from the lowest to the highest levels--to justice.

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EL CONGRESISTA CHARLES B. RANGEL EXIGE INVESTIGACIÓN FEDERAL EN REALCIÓN A LA MATANZA DEL ACTIVISTA PUERTORRIQUEÑO EN MANOS DE AGENTES DEL FBI

EL LEGISLADOR URGE AL DEPARTAMENTO DE JUSTICIA Y AL CONGRESO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS A TRAER A LOS RESPONSABLES FRENTE A LA JUSTICIA

Indignado por el asesinato del líder político puertorriqueño, Filiberto Ojeda Ríos, a manos de autoridades federales, el Congresista Charles Rangel hoy le reclamó al Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos y al Congreso una investigación de dicho incidente con el propósito de que se haga justicia y que los responsables tengan que responder por sus delitos.

El Congresista Charles Rangel expresó su indignación a la prensa respecto a este incidente. Este dijo, "No importa en cual controversia haya estado involucrado el Sr. Ojeda Ríos, las autoridades no tenían derecho de haberle disparado y luego dejarlo morir solo y sin la oportunidad de recibir asistencia médica. Comparto el dolor y la tristeza de la familia Ojeda Ríos y del pueblo puertorriqueño quienes tienen razón para estar destrozados por el incidente ocurrido."

En cartas dirigidas al Fiscal General federal Alberto González y al Presidente del Comité Judicial en la Cámara, el Honorable James Sensenbrenner, y al Vice-presidente del Comité, el Honorable John Conyers, el Congresista Charles Rangel expone su interés en que se realice una investigación para determinar las razones de esta acción y que acciones sean tomadas para traer a los responsables- desde los mas bajos hasta los mas altos niveles - frente a la justicia. El Congresista Rangel mencionó que: "El Asesinato del Sr. Ojeda Ríos aparenta haber sido causado por el uso de la fuerza excesiva ejercida por oficiales del FBI en una situación completamente injustificada."

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Attorney General Alberto Gonzales
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Gonzalez:

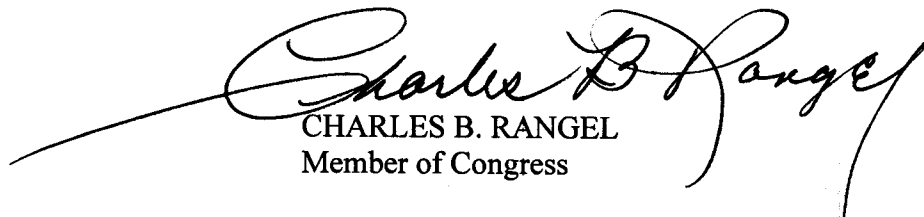
I am very concerned by news reports describing the terrible circumstances of the FBI's alleged role in the recent death of Mr. Filiberto Ojeda Rios.

According to these reports, Mr. Ojeda Rios' death followed a fusillade of gun fire by federal agents into the house occupied by Mr. Ojeda Rios. The reports also indicate that the agents prevented anyone from entering the house where Mr. Ojeda Rios lay wounded and unattended for several hours thus preventing any chance to save his life.

I share the outrage of the people of Puerto Rico and in my Congressional District in New York over the Mr. Ojeda Rios violent death. His killing appears to have resulted from the use of deadly force in a way that was totally unjustified. Therefore, I am requesting from your office a thorough investigation into this matter to determine the reasons for this action, and what will be done to bring those responsible--from the lowest to the highest levels--to justice. I am also requesting an investigation by the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives.

I share the profound sorrow of Mr. Ojeda Rio's family and Puerto Ricans who are suffering the loss of a loved one and political leader, and appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


CHARLES B. RANGEL
Member of Congress

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Fiscal General Alberto Gonzáles
Departamento de Justicia de los E.U.
Avenida Pennsylvania # 950, NW
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Estimado Sr. Gonzáles:

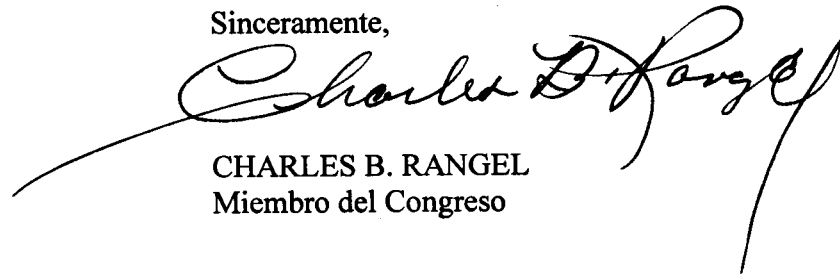
La presente es para expresar mi indignación con relación a los recientes reportajes noticiosos en los cuales se describen las terribles circunstancias en las que falleció el Sr. Filiberto Ojeda Ríos.

Según se menciona en estos reportajes, el Sr. Ojeda Ríos falleció a causa de un disparo ejecutado por agentes del FBI en un operativo realizado en los predios de la residencia del mismo. Los reportajes también indican que los agentes del FBI involucrados en dicho operativo, impidieron la entrada de cualquier persona a la residencia del Sr. Ojeda evitando cualquier oportunidad para salvarle la vida a este.

Comparto la indignación del pueblo puertorriqueño y de los constituyentes de mi distrito en Nueva York por la violenta muerte del Sr. Ojeda Ríos. Su muerte aparenta haber sido a causa del uso de la fuerza excesiva ejercida por oficiales del FBI en una situación completamente injustificada. Esta situación pudo haberse evitado, por esta razón, solicito una investigación la cual nos permita determinar el por qué de la acción tomada. De esta manera se podrá ejercer acción legal sobre los responsables de este delito. Por otra parte, solicito además, que el Comité Judicial de la Cámara de Representantes realice una investigación de dicho incidente.

Comparto el profundo dolor y la indignación de la familia Ojeda Ríos y de todos los puertorriqueños quienes sufren la pérdida de un ser amado y un líder político.

Sinceramente,



CHARLES B. RANGEL
Miembro del Congreso

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Ranking Member
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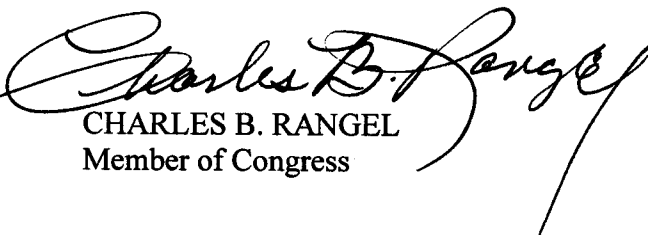
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Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
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