

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4329

August 12, 2026

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Office of the Governor
1100 San Jacinto Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Governor Abbott:

As members of the Texas Congressional Delegation, we write to request that you promptly review and sign extradition paperwork for Christian J. Castro. Mr. Castro is currently being held in Cameron County, following his arrest on May 29, 2026. His arrest is in accordance with a nationwide warrant issued by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, following criminal charges filed in the District Court of Minnesota's 4th Judicial District.

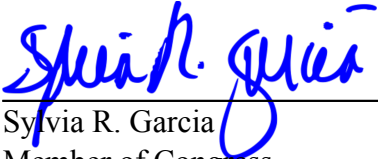
Mr. Castro is charged with four counts of second-degree assault and one count of falsely reporting a crime. On January 14, 2026, he discharged his weapon through the front door of the home, striking Julio Sosa-Celis in the leg. In addition to Mr. Sosa-Celis, there were three other adults and two children who were inside the home at the time of the shooting. All the victims continue to wait for court proceedings to begin.

The Texas Rangers and the prosecuting authority in Cameron County have done their jobs and collaborated with the necessary Minnesota authorities, including Hennepin County Attorney Mary F. Moriarty. Attorney Moriarty also recently sent you a letter on July 29, 2026, formally requesting your signature on the extradition paperwork.

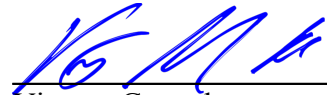
The last step to begin the long-awaited court proceedings for the victims is for you to sign the paperwork. Mr. Castro has already been in custody for two months, and the paperwork, according to Attorney Moriarty, is in order. There is no further reason to delay.

We urge your swift review and signature on the extradition paperwork for Christian J. Castro. Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and should you require additional information, please contact Congresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia's Chief of Staff, Chris McCarthy (Chris.McCarthy@mail.house.gov) and Congressman Vicente Gonzalez's Chief of Staff, Louise Bentsen (Louise.Bentsen@mail.house.gov).

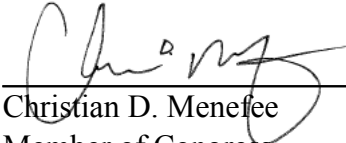
Sincerely,



Sylvia R. Garcia
Member of Congress



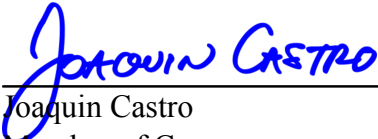
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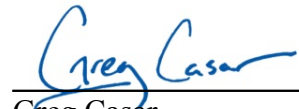
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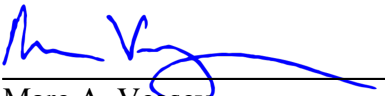
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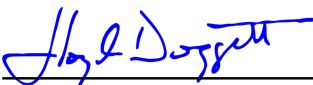
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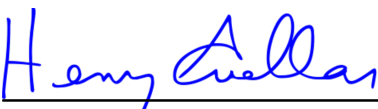
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