

California Immigration Attorney On Carachuri-Rosendo: Deported Immigrants Deserve Their Day In Court

Riverside County based immigration lawyer Carlos A. Batara has gone on the record with his reaction to the Supreme Court's Carachuri-Rosendo vs. Holder decision. Batara urges the government to implement procedures that would give thousands of deported immigrants, removed from the U.S. on potentially flawed grounds, a fair day in court on the basis of due process.

August 5, 2010 (FPRC) -- Southern California -- Riverside immigration attorney Carlos A. Batara has gone on record with his views on the need to put some 'bite' behind the Supreme Court's recent Carachuri-Rosendo vs. Holder decision.

Batara agrees with the Court's rejection of the government's policy that blurred the distinction between misdemeanor and felony convictions to unjustly deport twenty-two year old Jose Angel Carachuri-Rosendo.

Batara acknowledges this issue is an uphill fight, especially in an election year. "This administration has shown it doesn't have the heart for battles over creating legalization pathways for undocumented immigrants," Batara notes, "but here we're talking about immigrants, who, one step away from becoming citizens, were unfairly stripped of their lawful immigration status."

Carachuri-Rosendo was a lawful permanent resident who had lived in the United States since the age of five. In a blog post titled "Due Process For Deported Immigrants: The Right To Reopen Proceedings Under Carachuri-Rosendo," Batara explains the events that led to his 'flawed deportation'.

Batara's post offers statistics from a University of California study estimating about 87,884 legal permanent residents, like Carachuri-Rosendo, may have been wrongly deported for minor crimes between 1997 and 2007.

"After more than a decade of flawed deportations, due process demands nothing less," stated Batara.

Batara sides with the following twenty-six legal rights organizations that have signed their names to a letter asking Attorney General Holder and Secretary Napolitano to allow improperly deported immigrants the chance to reopen their cases.

- American Immigration Council
- Asian American Institute
- Asian American Justice Center
- Asian Law Caucus
- Asian Pacific American Legal Center
- Breakthrough
- Casa Esperanza
- Center for Constitutional Rights

- Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
- Immigrant Defense Project
- IRATE & First Friends
- Families for Freedom
- Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project
- Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center
- Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights
- Maria Baldini-Potermin & Associates, PC
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- National Immigrant Justice Center
- New Sanctuary Coalition
- Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights
- Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
- Immigrant Rights Clinic, New York University School of Law
- Post Deportation Human Rights Project, Center for Human Rights and International Justice, Boston College
- Refugio del Rio Grande
- South Asian Americans Leading Together
- University of Houston Immigration Clinic

Batara's full reaction to the Supreme Court's ruling and links to discussions of other immigration policies are available online at: Immigration Law, Policy & Politics: Insightful Commentary From A Seasoned California Immigration Trial Attorney.

About Batara Immigration Law:

Batara Immigration Law has helped immigrants from more than 60 different countries since its inception 16 years ago. The firm has five offices in Southern California (Riverside, Hemet, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Escondido). A graduate of USC and Harvard Law School, Carlos Batara specializes in immigration appeals and deportation defense.

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