

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 13, 2016

The Honorable Enrique Peña Nieto  
President of Mexico  
Palacio Nacional  
Mexico City, México

Dear President Peña,

We congratulate you and Mexican law enforcement on the re-capture of fugitive Sinaloa drug cartel leader Joaquín “El Chapo” Guzmán who has escaped from Mexican prisons twice, most recently in July. The joint Mexico-U.S. effort to re-apprehend Guzmán marks a significant accomplishment in our shared goal of bringing justice to the global illegal drug enterprise. Additionally, we are encouraged by Attorney General Arely Gomez’s statements that extradition proceedings should now begin. We agree and now request that Guzmán be extradited expeditiously to the United States where he faces multiple criminal charges in several jurisdictions.

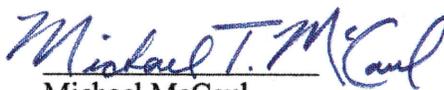
As you know, the United States submitted a formal request for Guzmán’s extradition in June 2015, just three weeks before his escape. In September 2015, your government extradited 13 people, including two associates of Guzmán, to the United States in a demonstration of close trust and cooperation. We again urge you to do the same in Guzmán’s case so that he can be held accountable for his crimes in American custody.

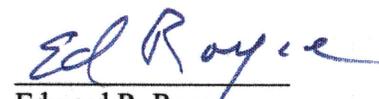
We value close security and law enforcement cooperation between our two countries and are committed to working with you and your government to ensure that criminals violating laws across our shared border are dealt with swiftly and appropriately. Once again we commend you on re-capturing Guzmán, and look forward to continuing to work with you and others in the Mexican Government to bring him to the United States for trial.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

  
Sean P. Duffy  
Member of Congress

  
Michael McCaul  
Member of Congress

  
Edward R. Royce  
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable John F. Kerry, Secretary of the U.S. Department of State  
The Honorable Loretta Lynch, Attorney General of the U.S. Department of Justice