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Statement of Representative Fred Upton (MI-06) on Ibrahim Parlak the beneficiary of  
private bill H.R. 809

I, Representative Fred Upton (MI-06) have introduced private legislation, H.R. 809 for the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, and submit this statement to the Subcommittee that I have met with Ibrahim Parlak, the beneficiary the legislation, along with his family and that I believe he faces extreme hardship if the relief is not granted.

I have known, and regularly met with Mr. Parlak for over ten years when I first learned of his imprisonment in Calhoun County, Michigan in 2005. I have submitted Private legislation for Mr. Parlak's relief, along with former Senator Carl Levin (ret.) for the past ten years and remain supportive of his efforts to seek legal residency in the U.S. I have stated for years that I believe Mr. Parlak is a model immigrant and contributes in many ways to his community in Southwest Michigan. As a local business owner, father, and good friend to many families in my district, Mr. Parlak should be given the chance to reside without fear of arrest or deportation in the United States.

I remain available to the Subcommittee to provide testimony and necessary documents in support of my private legislation in compliance with House Rules considering Private Legislation.

Sincerely,

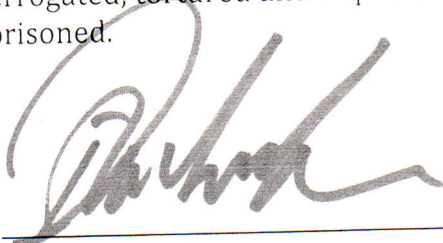
  
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Statement of Ibrahim Parlak seeking relief in H.R. 809

My name is Ibrahim Parlak. My Current address is 7100 Harbert Road. Harbert, MI 49115. I own my home and have lived there since 1999. I was born in Gaziantep, Turkey, on May 1, 1962. I left Turkey in 1991 and received asylum in the U.S on July 21, 1992. This statement is being submitted to express my desire to seek the relief granted under H.R. 809 introduced by Representative Fred Upton (MI-06) in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.

I am seeking relief that would be granted under H.R. 809, due to the extreme hardship that I, along with my daughter, a U.S. citizen, and my friends and family in the United States should face if I am returned to Turkey. I believe that if I am deported to Turkey, I will be arrested at the airport as the Turkish government has made it known they are actively seeking my return after a reversal in their position of over twenty years. Based on the escalating tensions between the Turkish government, the Kurdish people, and the ongoing fight with the PKK, I fear that after returning to Turkey, I will be arrested, interrogated, tortured and imprisoned. I also fear being killed by the authorities while I am imprisoned.



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Ibrahim Parlak  
Signed January 20, 2016