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Ibrahim Parlak Granted A Stay Of Deportation

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Ibrahim Parlak has been given a break. The Harbert restaurant owner has been fighting deportation to his native Turkey for years, and on Wednesday evening, a deferral agreement allowing him to stay in the US was to expire. However, Congressman Fred Upton announced in the late afternoon Parlak has been granted a 90 day stay by the Department of Homeland Security. Upton was able to speak with Parlak to give him the news, and says he's "pleased and relieved at the decision." Parlak has been a target for deportation since 2001, when his past affiliation with Kurdish political groups caught the government's attention. He says he'll be tortured if he goes back to Turkey.