



June 27, 2025

Honorable Representatives of the 119th U.S. Congress,

I write to you today to urge support for H.R. 1348, the Venezuelan Adjustment Act, providing a transition to legal permanent residence for Venezuelan nationals already residing in the United States and meeting certain criteria, such as arriving prior to the end of 2021. This legislation is in line with the uses of Adjustment Acts by Congress historically and reinforces our nation's humanitarian and democratic values, offering relief to those fleeing persecution.

Hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans have fled their country since the inception of the Maduro regime, many still awaiting progress on their asylum applications. This is not a population choosing to leave. This is a population driven out by well-documented violence, humanitarian crisis, and the chaos of political instability.

During the past decade or more, and despite this trauma, many Venezuelans have established themselves in our communities, contributing to economic and social life as teachers, business owners, and employees in a variety of sectors. This crucial legislation offers a lifeline to Venezuelan nationals residing in the United States, relieving the stress of temporary and uncertain status. Our communities' stability is also enhanced by H.R. 1348 and the creation of a pathway to permanent legal residence for those Venezuelans who meet the criteria. With fear around uncertain status lifted, individuals and families can make their fullest contributions to the places they now call home.

As legislation, H.R. 1348 provides contributing, law-abiding Venezuelan residents with economic stability and freedom from fear of deportation, which has benefit to our local communities and reflects our history and values as the United States of America. I urge your support for this bipartisan legislation, with co-sponsors from states as diverse as Florida and Nebraska. Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Angelina Cruz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

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