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Mr. President,

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As I was leaving, the receptionist asked if I know the President. I said I did. She said she had been "illegal" in the U.S. for 18 years. She became a citizen recently, but asked quite emotionally that I pass the following message to you in light of your recent decision on immigration:

"Mr. President,

Thank you very much for all the Spanish people you made happy. God bless you, Regina."

She explained that while the decision does not impact here - given that she is now a citizen - she felt strongly about it "because I was once like all these people, and they deserve hope."

I told her that's the thing with this country. We were all immigrants at one point or another, in my case when my grandparents came.

All a good reminder.

Merry Christmas,
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