



# American Families United

Meet Your Representative or Senator | Jose Duran

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# Introductions

- Name
- Location (state or city)
- How did you learn about American Families United?
- Are you directly impacted by the current immigrations law?

# Meet Your US Representative

- Find Your US Representative:

[https://ziplook.house.gov/htbin/findrep\\_house?ZIP=](https://ziplook.house.gov/htbin/findrep_house?ZIP=)

- Email or Call to schedule an appointment with a staff member who handles immigration. The meeting can be in person or over the phone.
- Representative or staff will not schedule an appointment if **you are not** a constituent. As a constituent, you have every right to be heard. They are your elected official and they cannot deny you your request for a meeting.
- Attend a local town hall meeting to make connections with staffers and Rep.

## Meet Your US Senators

- Find Your US Senators:

<https://www.senate.gov/senators/states.htm>

- Apply the same principles from “Meeting Your US Representative”

# Pre-Interview Tips/Strategies

- Do some research on your legislator
  - Have they supported current or past immigration bills?
  - Are they a house/senate judiciary committee member, in particular The Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship?  
[House Judiciary](#); [Senate Judiciary](#)
  - Visit their social media channels: FB, Instagram, Twitter, etc.
  - See what bills they have supported: [Find US bill](#)
- Do
  - Wear semi-casual clothing to meeting
  - Stay to the basic facts of your story. Reach out to American Families United to help you tailor your story.
  - Echo the message that US Citizens spouses should have the same waivers of inadmissibility's as other classes of immigrants.
- Don't
  - Do not mention what caused them to receive the inadmissible
  - Do not be discouraged if your legislator has not supported any immigration bills- current or past.

## Post-Interview Tips/Strategies

- Send follow-up thank you email along with a link to American Families United.
- Encourage other constituents to schedule an appointment to speak with their legislator to support legislation for waiver rights for US Citizen spouses.
- If possible, get involved with American Families United either by being a circle of hope member or joining a committee to further advance our agenda.

## Q/A

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