

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 4, 2015

Her Excellency Cecilia Nahón
The Ambassador of Argentina
Embassy of Argentina
1600 New Hampshire Ave NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Madam Ambassador:

We write to open a dialogue between the governments of our respective nations regarding a criminal court case from our home state. An American citizen, Anthony Rocco Franklin, is a suspect in a murder in Columbia County, Pennsylvania and is wanted to stand trial for that crime. Our understanding is that Mr. Franklin is currently in the custody of the International Criminal Police Organization of Argentina and is being held in Buenos Aires. We respectfully request your assistance in seeing to his extradition to the United States so that he may face his charges.

Mr. Franklin is accused of conspiring with his daughter, Maria Sanutti-Spencer, in the July 2012 shooting death of Ms. Sanutti-Spencer's former husband Frank Spencer. Ms. Sanutti-Spencer has been charged as well, but has indicated as part of her defense that her father, Mr. Franklin, was the responsible party. Mr. Franklin was arrested on an international warrant in September 2014 in the Palermo neighborhood of Buenos Aires, following coordination between American and Argentinian law enforcement agencies, and has been awaiting extradition ever since.

It is a matter of record that our two nations enjoy a long, cordial relationship built on the rule of law and mutual respect. Indeed, the United States and Argentina are signatories to an extradition treaty which should serve as the mechanism for Mr. Franklin's transferal to the custody of law enforcement officials in this country. As Mr. Franklin has no known connections to Argentina, has not been charged with similar crimes in your country, and cannot claim political asylum, it would seem that strict adherence to jurisprudence would necessitate this transaction.

There can be no doubt that the people of Argentina value peace and order every bit as much as our own American citizens. It follows that our two governments should have a shared desire that the accused be permitted to face the charges on American soil in the interest of justice.

We humbly request that you convey our concerns to your government so that we might resolve whatever differences remain which are preventing the extradition of Mr. Franklin.

We appreciate your attention on this matter.

Very truly yours,



Lou Barletta
Member of Congress



Tom Marino
Member of Congress