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## .@Tyler_t_moran and Esther Olavarria.

## Johnny Nash sums up my feelings at this, because words don't suffice.

## https://t.co/r3apSHRBuc

I know it's so hard for folks to understand how important this is, even for me. I don't have words. My mind is all garbling with how incredible Esther and @tyler_t_moran are.

Both of them are incredibly humble. Both likely annoyed right now at the fuss. "Let's get to work!"

.@Tyler_t_moran serving the office of @SenatorReid would come to Nevada and meet with families to see what the problems were in our communities. She used to go to their homes (not typical) eat with them and in that beautiful language that can only be shared around food -

would ask them what was wrong. People would look at me asking for cues "just dígale" and they would unleash what ICE had done to them, how a notario had explained something to them, as they pulled out all the receipts from a plastic bag and handed them to @tyler_t_moran -

.@Tyler_t_moran would patiently sit there with them and ask "por que!?" She would turn to us and say "is this common?" *nods* her calm demeanor would turn slightly pink as anger flowed but she'd keep asking, pulling out her little notebook and pen. A week later she'd contact -

us, have you look at Clause 37, book 84 volume 26? Me *gurl idk...* and it would be something we'd run to lawyers with and they would say "Yes! That's perfect" @tyler_t_moran didn't have to do any of this...she chose to do it. I've always said it, @senatorreid blessed me with -

a family that's taught me so much, having @tyler_t_moran in this Admin isn't a coincidence, it's baby Jesus looking out for ALL of us. I know the climb is going to be tough, but with Tyler on our hiking team, anything is possible. Tyler in my fav skirt (AND she carries snacks!)■

Esther Olavarria - is more of a stalkerish situation. I had always heard about Esther (no last name was ever needed). In 2009 when I got involved it was a name everyone talked about. “the immigration queen” me I WANT TO KNOW HER - she was born in Cuba, not here, just like me!

For 21 year old me, I didn’t know people could even work in politics if they weren’t born in the USA (Legit). I googled everything about her, her work with Sen Ted Kennedy ■■, her work as an immigration attorney at a Haitian resource center, 1986 (1986 was always my WOW!) -

I read about her push for immigration reform and her role in it. I finally got the opportunity to meet her at the ELVCC and of course when It came time to, I froze. She smiled and said “Astrid, I’ve heard about you, how’s your father?” Me *dad? My dad?* she smiled and said -

“Let’s talk one of these days” WTF!? The Queen of Immigration told me let’s talk!? I totally fangirled - over a policy lady at the White House ■ thats me. I would occasionally see her and slowly built up my being able to talk to her, by then she was out of the WH, working on

other projects. Last year, I saw her again, I was so happy. She was on a panel and I texted @BlancaSprkls this picture with emojis and a crown “The Queen” (I know Esther doesn’t like this title but I’m a millennial and I live for it) Esther has a peaceful way of explaining even

the most complex topics. There’s a light around her that even when there is a disagreement you feel there is no malice. I know, in my younger years I wanted to eat the world, burn the policy down, thankfully I had people to look up to who said “burn it down, but have a strategy”

We all have different roles and the more I do this, the more I learn how important each one is and how valuable it is when there is forethought into all of it. I told Esther how scared I was and how 2020 was far too messy and dangerous for me. She told me to follow my instincts.

A few hours after that, I got really bad news about my Dad, I was in Miami - my biggest fear, not being there when he needed me. I had a fairly severe panic attack. Not uncommon in the past four years, but made worse by not being at my home and away from my Dad. We were at an -

Immigration conference for @USImmHub and there I was amongst so many people in the same or worse situations breaking down. Esther took my phone and helped me get into my car to the airport. I cleared up enough to get on a flight and get home. When I landed, I had a text making

sure I had gotten home safely. It was from Esther.

Esther and Tyler as well as so many others in the Biden-Harris administration are people who come from our communities, people who have had to live through what we have. I want to remind you, they are humans, just like you.

I’m not expecting perfection, I want my familias to be heard.

I’ve been in a perpetual depression for 4 years, I never knew this even in my 17-y/o-I-can’t-go-to-college-days. Seeing the

sun peaking through the ■■ , is something I never thought I'd see.
https://t.co/S5bBS8HZAi

It really is my fav skirt, I went and bought one to be twinsies with @tyler_t_moran