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United States District Judge Leon Schydlower  
525 Magoffin Ave., Suite 105  
El Paso TX, 79901

Dear Mr. Schydlower,

My name is Monica Isabel Van Housen I am a United States Citizen [REDACTED]

And also the niece of Adriana Maria Quiroz Zapata. Mr. Schydlower my letter is not to cause any disturbance to you or anyone. It's more of a cry out for help. My family and I have had a very emotionally and physically traumatic experience in the last 9 months since my aunt Adriana has been detained. I don't know where or how to even start. It's just been so much pain and suffering that I sincerely believe my family and I need some kind of emotional help. My aunt since December 2024 has been receiving mistreatment from ICE El Paso starting with her former DO Randy Najera failing to provide the correct translation to certain documents and falsely induced her signature on documentation stating "this is nothing bad it just means I'm checking up on you to see how you're doing". In January of 2025 my aunt reported her DO to OIDO and they released many of the detainees under his control because they found that what he was doing was in fact illegal so from there this DO Randy Nájera went to the facility to verbally threaten my aunt on a day he was in fact off of work just to say "you will pay for this and I will keep you here for as long as I can watch and see". In February 2025 during my aunt's trial week she was being given her sleeping medication during the day. But, my aunt won her case against CAT. I received a phone call from the facility two weeks after that so they can verify my address and I was told that it's protocol because it seems that she would be released anytime soon to be on the lookout for the call. In March 2025, my mom and I flew down to El Paso to visit my aunt and speak with Martin Sarellano because my aunt's mental, emotional, and physical health is getting worse by the day. Martin's demeanor towards my aunt's attorney and to us was very hateful. He started stating that he was going to cooperate and help my aunt on her release but since we wanted to get congressmen and OIDO involved that my aunt would just have to deal with the repercussions. My mom got on her knees, cried, and begged for mercy. He looked at my mom and said at the moment she is looking to be placed somewhere else but all I can assure you is that it won't be anytime soon, not today, not this week, not anytime soon. Two days later my aunt

was illegally taken to Mexico on a bus to be left there without any of her documentation. My aunt was forcefully induced to sign paperwork if not she would be hurt is what they stated to her. We as her family found out a day later when we received a phone call from my aunt herself from the facility explaining with detail what happened. ICE had to bring my aunt back to Texas because thankfully a Mexican official took his time to call and found out that ICE's act was an illegal strategy to abandon her with no record of acceptance to Mexico. In April 2025 my aunt was being bullied by someone at the facility who she feared of daily calling us crying and begging for help. In this same month the Mental health worker who was seeing my aunt for her depression told my aunt that she had no hopes of being released to her family and that she will be placed somewhere else. My aunt is a woman of faith in which she responded I leave all in the hands of god. A day later my aunt was called into the library to speak to someone who was not the medic nor the mental health worker about her private medical records in which they stated that she had to sign off on paperwork, paperwork that wasn't even translated to her and my aunt peacefully and respectfully refused. Plus some of what was said to my aunt about her medical records was false but they insisted.

Here we are in May 2025 I've flown down here twice already. Last Thursday May 22nd my aunt's 90 days were up and I was ready to receive her with open arms. I went to go speak to someone who can inform me on my aunt and her release. I spoke to a supervisor named Ms. Lough and she was insisting that my attorney had wrongfully informed me about the law and all my knowledge on the law was incorrect. She stated that even though my aunt's 90 days were up, no matter what she will be placed in a different country. I asked why and she said "because Washington made the decision and she is a flight risk and a danger" I cried and said no she's not she has never been violent towards anybody here, my aunt behaves herself, she's a sweet and loving person. Do you guys have proof of what you're claiming and she replied with "that's not your business and that's just how it's going to be" but very aggressively. My aunt has no criminal background whatsoever, my aunt took care of my sick grandmother all her life up until her passing, loved her cat preciosa, and worked at a flower shop up until the unfortunate events that led her to coming to the U.S. Mr. Schydlower this has taken a huge toll on my life, my aunts, and my family's. My mom doesn't eat, my mom lost 10 pounds, my mom doesn't sleep, my mom is scaring me since she's starting to speak on suicide. I myself barely have an appetite and was hospitalized back home in April due to dehydration and anxiety attacks. I've always been a very healthy person. I'm only 24 years old and I have to take medication due to this. I have a 2-year old and a husband to cater to and I sometimes feel like I can't do it. I force myself to live and go by day to day tasks. My aunt is sick each time I see her it seems to be worse. My aunt's mental state is not how it used to be. My aunt calls me to ask me the same thing 4 times a day as if it hasn't been already discussed. She calls me crying and hopeless. My aunt showed me the cuts on her hands that have developed due to her prediabetes. My aunt's toenail is black, her teeth are chipping. She doesn't sleep and she's so scared I can't even explain how fearful she is. It's crazy. I don't know when or how this will end, spending money to come down here with the hopes of having my aunt. My life is a complete disaster because of this, my moms life, and everyone of

our family members. Adriana is a great person. She's the purest form of love that I've ever experienced. My aunt has no hate in her heart; she always wants the best for everyone. If you needed the shirt off her back she would without a doubt do so. My aunt has always been someone I've looked up to. She's like a mother figure to me and everyone else. My aunt doesn't deserve all this suffering and it's killing us. I don't know what else to do. I'm hopeless. I sincerely never wish this upon anyone because it's hard, very hard. I'm only 24 and I lost hope in humanity with so much we've experienced and endured it breaks my heart. I read my bible every day in hopes to gain serenity and peace. I just want to feel alive again. Sorry to bother or take up your time. God bless you.

Thank you

Monica Van Housen

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monica Van Housen', written in a cursive style.