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DECLARATION OF SAYED TAWHED SADAT

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

I, Sayed Tawhed Sadat, a national of Afghanistan, hereby submit this declaration in support of my request for protection and release from immigration detention. I respectfully state the following under penalty of perjury:

I was born and raised in Afghanistan, where I lived peacefully with my beloved family. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

When the Taliban regained control of Afghanistan, the danger to my life increased significantly. Fearing for my safety, I had no choice but to flee my home country. My journey was extremely risky, but I remained committed to entering the United States legally and respectfully. After a difficult and dangerous journey, I arrived at the U.S. southern border in Texas and waited for an opportunity to enter lawfully through the CBP One appointment system.

On January 13, 2025, I was fortunate to be granted a CBP One appointment. I entered the United States legally and presented myself to U.S. authorities. I fully cooperated with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers. I explained in detail [REDACTED] and why I could not return to Afghanistan. I also provided initial documents to support my claims, though at the time, I did not have all the necessary evidence in hand.

After several interviews, I was surprised and devastated to receive a negative credible fear determination. I was not given a proper opportunity to submit additional supporting documents, and my hearing before the immigration judge happened very quickly on the same day I received the negative decision. During this process, translation issues severely impacted the accuracy of my testimony. I repeatedly informed officials that critical parts of my story were not being correctly translated, but my concerns were ignored.

After the negative outcome, I gathered and submitted additional documentation, including letters of support and [REDACTED]. I also hired an attorney, who filed a request for reconsideration of my credible fear determination. Since that time, I have remained in detention at the El Valle Detention Facility for over six months.

On Mar 07, 2025, ICE informed me that the reconsideration request had been accepted and updated by the asylum office. Following that, the FBI conducted an interview with me to verify information and documentation. During that short interview, I was told they would be contacting my brother and other supporters, and that I could expect to be released. However, despite these assurances, nothing has happened since.

I later submitted a second inquiry to ICE and my case officer on May 21, 2025. The response I received stated that this matter is "not an ICE issue but an asylum issue" and that I must wait for a decision from the asylum office. As of today, I have received no further updates. I remain in detention without any indication of when or if I will be released.

Since then, I have gathered even more compelling support documents, including:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Documentation showing that my life is in grave danger if I am returned to Afghanistan.

I am not a criminal. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I am only asking for safety and a
chance to live freely in the United States with my brothers, who is already here [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Please, I respectfully ask the Court and the relevant authorities to reconsider my case with fairness and urgency. I am requesting my immediate release from detention so that I can continue pursuing my asylum case and rebuild my life in safety.

I, Sayed Tawhed Sadat, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 07/07/2025

El Valle Detention Facility

Signature: [REDACTED]

Sayed Tawhed Sadat
[REDACTED]