

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

(28 U.S.C. § 2241)

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

United States Courts
Southern District of Texas
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Nathan Ochener, Clerk of Court

PETITIONER:

Lorena Torres Mendez

A-Number: 

Date of Birth: 

Country of Origin: Mexico

Current Place of Confinement:
Houston Processing Center – CoreCivic
15850 Export Plaza Dr
Houston, TX 77032

Detained since: March 7, 2025

v.

RESPONDENTS:

1. Field Office Director, ICE Houston
2. Warden, Houston Processing Center – CoreCivic
3. U.S. Department of Homeland Security
4. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Petitioner Lorena Torres Mendez, through her daughter and next of kin Yakziri Dayanna Mendez, respectfully submits this Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and states as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

This action is brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. This Court has jurisdiction because Petitioner is currently detained within the Southern District of Texas and her continued confinement violates the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment.

II. PETITIONER INFORMATION

Name: Lorena Torres Mendez

A-Number: 

DOB: 

Detention Facility: Houston Processing Center – CoreCivic

Detained Since: 03/07/2025

III. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. Petitioner is currently detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at the Houston Processing Center – CoreCivic.
2. Petitioner has been subjected to prolonged and indefinite detention despite having active pending legal relief and strong family sponsorship.
3. Petitioner currently has the following matters pending:

- Appeal before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)
- U Visa certification request and submission

1. Prior to the filing of the BIA appeal and U Visa certification request, Petitioner requested a bond hearing which was denied. This denial occurred without consideration of the subsequently submitted relief.
2. Petitioner was wrongfully released for deportation despite having unresolved legal proceedings and pending relief, causing extreme fear, confusion, and severe psychological trauma.
3. She was later returned to custody where she continued to experience emotional instability and ongoing fear of wrongful deportation.
4. While detained, Petitioner was physically assaulted inside the Houston Processing Center – CoreCivic, causing additional trauma and fear for her safety.

8. Petitioner suffers from chronic asthma and severe eczema, both of which have significantly worsened due to detention conditions, stress, and inadequate medical care.
9. Continued detention has caused extreme hardship including but not limited to:
- o Severe psychological trauma and anxiety
 - o distress from wrongful deportation release
 - o Physical health decline
 - o Disruption of family unity
 - o Financial strain
 - o Constant fear following assault incident

IV. LEGAL GROUNDS

A. Prolonged Detention Without Meaningful Review

Petitioner's continued detention following bond denial prior to her pending BIA appeal and U Visa request violates her Fifth Amendment right to due process.

B. Unsafe and Traumatic Conditions of Confinement

The assault and wrongful deportation release demonstrate that Petitioner's detention is punitive, unsafe, and psychologically damaging.

C. Extreme Hardship and Medical Neglect

Petitioner's declining health and untreated trauma establish detention as unnecessary and excessive.

D. Arbitrary and Capricious Detention

ICE has failed to justify continued detention despite changed circumstances, pending relief, and strong family supervision.

V. RELIEF REQUESTED

Petitioner respectfully requests that this Honorable Court:

Issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus
Order Petitioner's immediate release from ICE custody
OR

In the alternative, order a prompt new bond hearing considering all updated circumstances
Grant any other relief the Court deems just and proper

VI. SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsor / Daughter / Next of Kin:

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

Phone:

[REDACTED]

Email:

[REDACTED]

Sponsor affirms Petitioner will reside at the above address and that she will provide stable housing, financial support, and ensure compliance with all court and ICE requirements.

VII. DECLARATION

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Petitioner:

Lorena Torres Mendez

By:

[REDACTED]

Daughter & Next of Kin

Signature:

ymendez

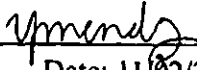
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VIII. CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus was served upon:

U.S. Attorney's Office – Southern District of Texas
1000 Louisiana St, Suite 2300
Houston, TX 77002

Department of Homeland Security
Office of the Chief Counsel
Houston, Texas

Signature: 
Date: 11/02/2025

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EXHIBIT A


Title of Exhibit:

Proof of ICE Detention / Custody Record

Brief Description:

Official documentation confirming that Lorena Torres Mendez is currently detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement at the Houston Processing Center – CoreCivic, including detention location and custody status.

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Petitioner:
Lorena Torres Mendez
A-Number: 

Prepared by:
 Mendez
Daughter & Next of Kin


Hockley, TX 77447


Date: 11/02/2025

Search Results: 1

LORENA TORRES MENDEZ

Country of Birth : Mexico

A-Number: 

Status : In ICE Custody

State: TX

Current Detention Facility: HOUSTON CONTRACT DETENTION FACILITY (CDF)

** Click on the Detention Facility name to obtain facility contact information*

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EXHIBIT B

Title of Exhibit:

BIA Appeal Proof or Receipt

Brief Description:

Documentation evidencing that Petitioner has a pending appeal before the Board of Immigration Appeals, demonstrating that her case remains actively under review.

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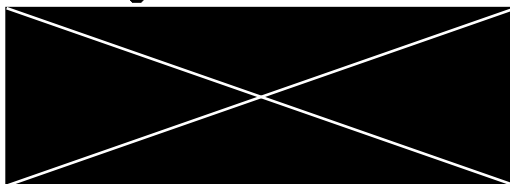
Lorena Torres Mendez

A-Number: 

Prepared by:

Yakziri Dayanna Mendez

Daughter & Next of Kin



Date: 11/02/2025

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
BOARD OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS

In the Matter of: Lorena Torres Mendez
A Number: 

BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF APPEAL

I. INTRODUCTION

Respondent respectfully appeals the Immigration Judge's decision denying relief from removal. The decision contains both legal and factual errors, as the Court failed to properly consider material evidence regarding Respondent's medical needs, family hardship, threats of persecution, and the true nature of her criminal history. For the reasons set forth below, Respondent respectfully requests that the Board of Immigration Appeals vacate the Immigration Judge's decision and remand for further proceedings or, in the alternative, grant relief.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Respondent has been a long-term resident of the United States. She has consistently filed taxes, maintained strong family and community ties, and is an active member of her Christian community. Multiple letters of support from family members, church leaders, and community leaders were submitted to establish her good moral character and positive contributions to society.

Respondent also presented substantial evidence of credible gang threats directed toward her, her family, and her Christian community. These threats place her at real and ongoing risk of harm if removed.

While Respondent has a criminal history, several of the charges were dismissed. Her most recent conviction resulted from ineffective assistance of counsel. Specifically, counsel failed to explain the legal consequences of her guilty plea, and prevented her from fully contesting the allegations despite the availability of strong evidence of innocence.

The fraud allegation arose from an individual who attempted to exploit her for a U visa, and the family assault accusation was made by a man with a history of false statements and a documented record as a rapist. Respondent has supporting documentation that exposes these false allegations and demonstrates her innocence.

III. ARGUMENT

1. The Immigration Judge Erred by Failing to Properly Consider Medical and Financial Hardship.

2. The record contained evidence of Respondent's medical conditions and the significant financial and emotional hardship her removal would cause her family. The Court's failure to meaningfully weigh these factors was error.

3. The Immigration Judge Disregarded Credible Evidence of Threats.

4. Respondent presented credible, corroborated evidence of gang threats against her and her Christian community. These threats directly affect eligibility for relief, yet the decision failed to address their full significance.

5. The Immigration Judge Overlooked Evidence of Good Moral Character.

6. Letters from family, church leaders, and community members, as well as proof of consistent tax filings and community involvement, establish Respondent's good moral character. The Court's failure to give proper weight to this evidence constitutes reversible error.

7. The Immigration Judge Mischaracterized Criminal History.

8. The Court improperly relied on Respondent's criminal history without acknowledging that several charges had been dismissed. Moreover, her most recent conviction resulted from ineffective assistance of counsel. Respondent was denied a fair opportunity to present exculpatory evidence, including proof that the accusations were false and made by individuals with criminal backgrounds.

9. The Immigration Judge Failed to Consider the Evidence in Its Totality.

10. The Court failed to weigh all relevant factors together, including Respondent's residence, contributions, moral character, and the grave risks she faces upon removal. Established case law requires a cumulative evaluation of evidence, which was not conducted here.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Respondent respectfully requests that the Board of Immigration Appeals find that the Immigration Judge committed reversible error, vacate the decision, and remand for further proceedings. In the alternative, Respondent requests that the Board grant appropriate relief based on the full record and attached evidence.

Proof and supporting documentation will be attached to this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,
Yatziri Mendez

09/16/2025



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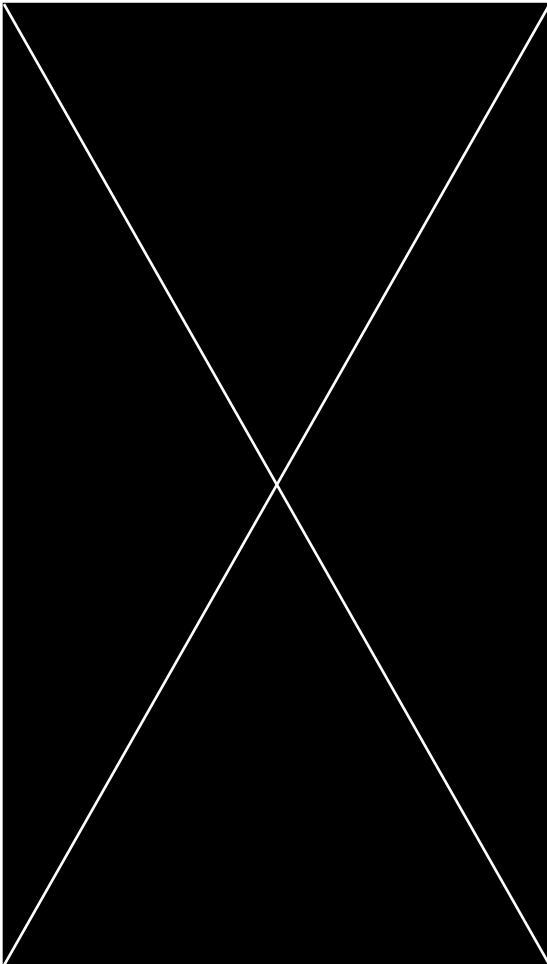
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Current annual fee amounts can be found at www.justice.gov/eoir/types-appeals-motions-and-required-fees.



Recipient Address
 Assistant Chief
 Counsel of DHS-ICE
 126 Northpoint Dr
 HOUSTON, TX 77060, US
 000-000-0000
 Scheduled Delivery Date: 10/08/2025
 Pricing Option: One Rate
 Package Information: FedEx Envelope
 Additional Services:
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 Package Weight: .20 lb (M)
 Declared Value: \$100

Express Subtotal	\$80.70
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EXHIBIT C


Title of Exhibit:

U Visa Certification Request Proof

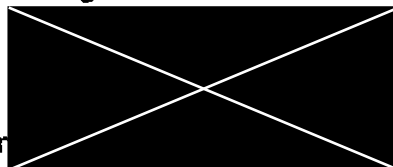
Brief Description:

Proof of submission of Petitioner's U Visa certification request in connection with her status as a victim, showing that immigration relief is currently being pursued.

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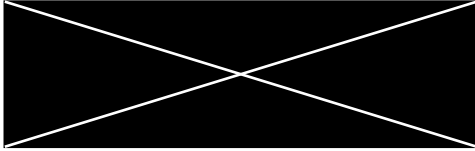
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Prepared by:
Yakziri Dayanna Mendez
Daughter & Next of Kin



Date: 11/02/2025

Yakziri Davanna Mendez




Date: November 10, 2025

Deputy T. Moneyhun
Harris County Sheriff's Office
Victim Assistance Unit
2500 Bolsover Street, 3rd Floor
Houston, TX 77005
Fax: 713-986-3570

re-submitted
to victim assistance
unit.

Subject: Urgent Request for U Visa Certification – Victim

Dear Deputy Moneyhun,

I am writing to urgently request your office's assistance in completing the **U Nonimmigrant Status Certification (Form I-918, Supplement B)** for my mother, **Mrs. Lorena Torres Mendez**, who was the victim of an **Aggravated Robbery on October 3, 2015, under Case No.** .

This matter is extremely urgent because my mother is currently being held in **ICE custody** while her immigration case is pending. Obtaining the U Visa certification is a critical step that could allow her to remain in the United States lawfully and safely while continuing to cooperate with law enforcement as a victim of a qualifying violent crime.

My mother has already provided full cooperation with the **Harris County Sheriff's Office** during the initial investigation of the robbery, and she has continued to make herself available whenever possible. Completing this certification would not only confirm her helpfulness to law enforcement but would also support her protection from further hardship while her case is being reviewed.

I deeply appreciate your time, understanding, and the work your department does for victims and families like ours. I kindly ask that this request be reviewed as soon as possible given the urgent circumstances surrounding my mother's detention. Please contact me at any time by phone or email if additional documentation or information is needed.

Thank you so much for your attention, service, and compassion in this matter.

Sincerely,

Yakziri Dayanna Mendez





Victim Services Division

1200 Travis Street, Houston, Texas 77002-6000
Office: 713-308-0080 Fax: 713-308-0089

November 14, 2025

Lorena Torres Mendez
21931 Terre Riviera Drive
Hockley, Texas 77447

VIA: USPS

This correspondence is in response to your submission for a law enforcement U-Visa certification for your client Lorena Torres Mendez. Incident Number: 

After reviewing the submission, as Assistant Chief C.A. Smith's designee, I have determined that Lorena Torres Mendez does not meet the criteria for law enforcement certification. There will be no further processing of the application for a U-Visa by this agency, based on the following:

- Not a qualifying crime.
- Lack of prosecution.
- Not cooperative.
- Statute of limitations has expired for this offense.
- The applicant was not listed in the report.
- This case was investigated by an outside agency. Submit request to: Harris County Sheriff's Office
- This case was adjudicated in court. Submit request to:
- This is 2nd request for this applicant.
- Missing documentation:
- Details:

If the Victim Services Division or I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

J.L. Pleasant, Police Administrator
Victim Services Division



Yakziri



October 23, 2015

To:
Sgt. M. Alvarado
Harris County Sheriff's Office
Criminal Investigations Bureau – Robbery Unit 601
601 Lockwood Dr.
Houston, TX 77011
Phone: 713-274-9229

Subject: Request for U Visa Certification for Victim – Case No. [Redacted] (Aggravated Robbery, October 3, 2015)

Dear Sgt. Alvarado,

I am writing on behalf of my mother, Mrs. Lorena Torres Mendez, who was the victim of an Aggravated Robbery on October 3, 2015, at the Agave Sports Bar located at 16200 Clay Road, Houston, TX 77084 (Case No. [Redacted]), her daughter Yakziri Dayanna Mendez, was also present and listed as a secondary victim in the same report.

We are requesting that your office please complete and sign the U Nonimmigrant Status Certification (Form I-918, Supplement B) confirming my mother's cooperation with law enforcement in this case.

According to the police report, several male suspects approached my mother while we were in the parking lot, and one displayed a firearm before forcibly taking her cellphone and fleeing the scene. My mother fully cooperated with the responding deputies from the Harris County Sheriff's Office and provided information about the suspects and the stolen property.

This crime caused serious emotional distress and fear for both of us. My mother continues to experience trauma and anxiety due to the incident. She is now seeking a U visa under 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(U) as a qualifying victim of a violent crime.

Please let me know if you require any additional documentation, such as a copy of the police report or my mother's identification. I am very grateful for your time, your service, and your consideration of this certification request.

Sincerely,

Yakziri Dayanna Mendez
(On behalf of victim Lorena Torres Mendez)



CASE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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Case Mng Status: SNLE

Occurred: 10/03/2015

ROBBERY

Date / Time: 10/03/2015 00:00:00, Saturday

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 12/05/2015 00:00:00, Saturday

Reference: Follow Up Supplement

Contact with the robbery victim.
SUPPLEMENT# 0002

Sgt. M. Alvarado Unit 60830 Harris County Sheriffs Office Criminal Investigations Bureau Robbery Unit 601 Lockwood Dr. Houston, TX. 77011 713-274-9229 office On Wednesday 10/14/15 at approx. 0945 hours I called the victim Mrs. Lorena Mendez in ref. to the lack of leads in her case. I called her at 832-469-9772 and informed her that we did not have any suspects or leads at the time. But I did ask her if she still had her Samsung Galaxy S6 phone's serial number in case the suspect sold the cellphone to an ECO-ATM machine at local malls or pawn shop(s). She informed me that she would look for the box with the serial number and also call her cellphone provider and check with them as well. I also asked her if she saw the suspect once again, will she be able to recognize him? She replied that even thou he was wearing a charcoal grey hoodie, that she may be able to identify him. She added that she was on her cellphone at the time of the robbery when the suspect exited a red Dodge Magnum and took her phone from her hand. She added as she attempted to resist, the suspect pulled the gun on her and suspects took off in the Dodge Magnum. She had no other suspect information or other details to add to the case. I thanked her for her time and informed her that we may suspend her case until further information developed.

Case assignment
SUPPLEMENT# 0001

On October 5, 2015 I Sergeant Scott A. Ashmore received this case for follow up. I read in the narrative where the complainants were robbed at gun point by a black male suspect while in the parking lot of the Agave Sports Bar. I attempted to contact the complainants, but the listed number is not working. Investigation to continue....

Supervisor Signature

REPORTING OFFICER NARRATIVE

MEZ LORENA	Offense AGG ROBBERY	OCA [REDACTED]
		Date / Time Reported Sat 10/03/2015 00:41

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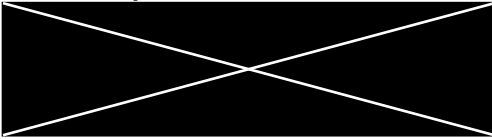
LEGACY OFFICER NARRATIVE

LEGACY NARR REL VALUE: [REDACTED]

Scene Summary The scene was found to be Agave Sports Bar located at 16200 Clay Road, Houston, in Harris County, Texas 77084. Clay Road is a public roadway designed for east and westbound travel. The business is situated on the south side of the roadway with the front entrance facing east. The complainants vehicle was parked, facing south, on the south side of the club. The weather was fair and cool; visibility was clear due to outdoor artificial lighting.

Investigative Narrative On Saturday October 3, 2015, I, Deputy M. Araujo along with Deputy C. Perkins were dispatched to 16200 Clay Rd. in reference to an Aggravated Robbery. Upon our arrival we met with complainant Lorena Mendez who stated she was in the parking lot outside of the above business with her daughter, [REDACTED] Mendez. She stated she was talking on her cell phone standing at the rear of her vehicle, a red 2010 Dodge Challenger displaying Texas Temporary plates (13H4571) with her daughter [REDACTED]. Lorena stated a maroon Dodge Magnum drove up to her vehicle occupied by three unknown black male suspects after they had circled them once. She stated one of the suspects from the back seat, wearing a black shirt and pants, got out of the vehicle and approached her. Ms. Mendez stated the suspect showed her he had a gun in his waistband but did not point it at her. Ms. Mendez stated the suspect then grabbed her cell phone, a white Samsung Galaxy 6, out of her hand. She stated the suspect pushed her daughter aside then went back into the vehicle and fled the scene. She stated she was unable to read the license plate but observed the vehicle traveling north on Highway 6. Ms. Mendez and her daughter both stated they were not physically hurt during the offense. A case card with this case number was given to Ms. Mendez. No further information available. End of report.


Yakziri Dayanna Mendez




Date: October 31, 2025

To:

Chief of Police J. Noe Díaz
Houston Police Department
1200 Travis Street
Houston, TX 77002

Subject: Request for U Visa Certification for Victim – Case No.  (Aggravated Robbery, October 3, 2015)

Dear Chief Díaz,

I am writing on behalf of my mother, **Mrs. Lorena Torres Mendez**, who was the victim of an **Aggravated Robbery** on **October 3, 2015**, at the **Agave Sports Bar** located at **16200 Clay Road, Houston, TX 77084** (Case No. ). I, her daughter **Yakziri Dayanna Mendez**, was also present and listed as a secondary victim in the same report.

We are respectfully requesting that your office complete and sign the **U Nonimmigrant Status Certification (Form I-918, Supplement B)** confirming my mother's cooperation with law enforcement in this case.

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Please let me know if any additional documentation is required, such as a copy of the police report or my mother's identification. I am deeply grateful for your time, your service, and your consideration of this certification request.

Sincerely,

Yakziri Dayanna Mendez
(On behalf of victim Lorena Torres Mendez)



U-Visa Certification Request Letter

Date: November 20, 2025

To:

Harris County Sheriff's Office
Victim Services Division
1200 Baker Street
Houston, TX 77002

Re: Request for U-Visa Law Enforcement Certification

Victim: Lorena Torres Mendez

Incident Number: 

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am respectfully submitting this request for U-Visa Law Enforcement Certification on behalf of my mother, Lorena Torres Mendez, in connection with the above-referenced incident.

We previously submitted this request to the Houston Police Department; however, we received written notice stating that the case was investigated by an outside agency and that the request should instead be directed to the Harris County Sheriff's Office, as the agency with jurisdiction over this matter.

Ms. Lorena Torres Mendez was a victim of a qualifying criminal activity and has fully cooperated with law enforcement throughout the investigation process. She has suffered significant emotional, physical, and psychological hardship as a result of this incident. Due to her current immigration detention and pending legal proceedings, this request is urgent and critical for her safety, stability, and wellbeing.

Enclosed please find the following documents for your review:

- Form I-918 Supplement B (U-Visa Certification)
- Copy of incident report / case reference
- Victim statement
- Supporting evidence and documentation
- Copy of Houston Police Department denial letter for reference

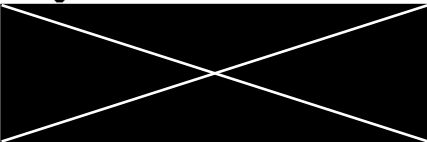
We kindly ask that your office review this request and, if appropriate, complete and sign Form I-918 Supplement B to support her U-Visa petition.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if additional information is required.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued service to victims.

Sincerely,

Yakziri Dayanna Mendez
Daughter of Victim / Point of Contact



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EXHIBIT D

Title of Exhibit:

Medical Records (Asthma / Eczema)
OBTAIN FROM CORE CIVIC

Brief Description:

Medical documentation confirming Petitioner's diagnosed conditions of chronic asthma and severe eczema, demonstrating that her health has deteriorated while in detention.

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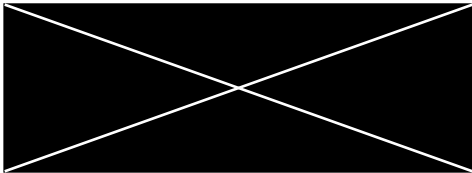
Petitioner:

Lorena Torres Mendez

A-Number: 

Prepared by:


Daughter & Next of Kin


Date: 11/02/2025

SWORN MEDICAL HARDSHIP DECLARATION

(In Lieu of Facility Medical Records)

Date: 11/02/2025

Re: Lorena Torres Mendez

A-Number: 

Houston Processing Center – CoreCivic

To the Honorable Court,

I, Yakziri Dayanna Mendez, submit this sworn declaration regarding the medical condition and health hardship of my mother, Lorena Torres Mendez, who is currently detained at the Houston Processing Center – CoreCivic.

Despite reasonable efforts, I have been unable to obtain official medical records directly from the detention facility. Requests for medical documentation have not yet been fulfilled, and access to her health records has been restricted due to her current detention status. Therefore, this declaration is submitted in good faith to inform the Court of her medical condition and its impact.

Lorena Torres Mendez has a longstanding history of chronic asthma and severe eczema. Since being detained, her symptoms have significantly worsened due to stress, unsanitary conditions, limited access to proper medical care, and emotional trauma. She has described frequent breathing difficulties, chest tightness, skin irritation, painful rashes, and consistent discomfort.

Her asthma has caused episodes of shortness of breath and increased vulnerability to respiratory distress, especially in a stressful and confined environment. Her eczema has resulted in visible flare-ups, intense itching, inflammation, and open skin irritation which has caused her physical pain and emotional distress.

The lack of consistent and adequate medical attention has aggravated her condition, placing her health and safety at serious risk. The ongoing stress and trauma of detention have only intensified her symptoms and overall physical decline.

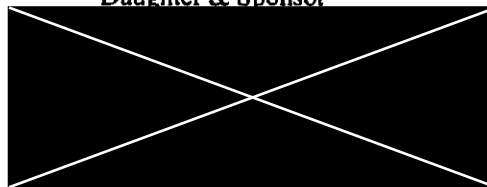
This declaration is submitted to demonstrate the medical hardship suffered by Lorena Torres Mendez and to support her request for release so that she may receive appropriate medical care, stable conditions, and the opportunity to recover her health.


I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

Yakziri Dayanna Mendez

Daughter & Sponsor



Signature: 
Date: 11/02/2025

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

LORENA TORRES MENDEZ,
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EXHIBIT E


Title of Exhibit:

Assault Statement While Detained

Brief Description:

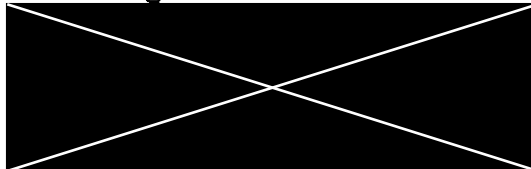
Written statement detailing the physical assault Petitioner experienced while in ICE custody, including the impact on her emotional and physical well-being.

**Submitted in support of:
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(28 U.S.C. § 2241)**

Petitioner:
Lorena Torres Mendez
A-Number: 

Prepared by:

Daughter & Next of Kin



Date: 11/02/2025

Declaration Regarding Assault of Lorena Torres Mendez ([REDACTED])

Submitted by: [REDACTED] Mendez

Relationship: Daughter

Your Honor,

My name is [REDACTED] Mendez and I am the daughter of Lorena Torres Mendez ([REDACTED]). I am writing this statement with a heavy heart to express my deep concern for my mother's safety and well-being while she is currently detained at the Houston Processing Center.

On or around June 25, 2025, my mother was **physically assaulted by another detainee** inside the restroom area of the facility. She was badly bruised and traumatized by this unprovoked attack. Even more disturbing is that **she was not given medical attention until the following day**, despite the visible injuries and pain she was experiencing.

As her daughter, it is devastating to know that my mother, who came here seeking protection, is now suffering abuse and neglect while in U.S. custody. She has no way to defend herself in that environment, and I live every day in fear for her life and safety. I have noticed a significant change in her emotional state during our phone conversations—she sounds hopeless and afraid. No human being, especially someone seeking asylum, should have to endure this kind of trauma.

I respectfully ask that you consider her experience as a sign of how unsafe she is while detained. She is **not a threat to the community**, and she has strong family and community ties here in the United States. We are ready and willing to ensure she attends all future hearings if she is released.

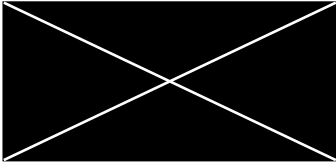
Please consider granting her release or bond so she can continue her asylum case safely, surrounded by her loved ones, rather than in a place that has already caused her further harm.

Thank you for your time and compassion in considering her situation.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] Mendez

21931 Terre Riviera Dr Hockley Tx 77447



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

LORENA TORRES MENDEZ,
Petitioner,

v.

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Respondents.

EXHIBIT F

Title of Exhibit:

Wrongful Release for Deportation / Trauma Statement

Brief Description:

Statement describing the incident in which Petitioner was wrongfully processed for deportation despite pending legal proceedings, causing severe psychological trauma and ongoing fear.

**Submitted in support of:
PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
(28 U.S.C. § 2241)**

Petitioner:

Lorena Torres Mendez

A-Number: 

Prepared by:


Daughter & Next of Kin

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Date: 11/02/2025

DECLARATION OF YAKZIRI DAYANNA MENDEZ

I, **Yakziri Dayanna Mendez**, declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. My Identity

My name is **Yakziri Dayanna Mendez**, and I am the daughter and sponsor of detainee **Lorena Torres Mendez** ([REDACTED]), who is currently held at the **Houston Processing Center (CoreCivic)**. I reside at [REDACTED] **Hockley, TX 77447**. My contact information is [REDACTED] and my email is [REDACTED].

2. Purpose of This Declaration

This declaration is submitted in support of the Habeas Corpus petition filed on behalf of my mother. I am providing this statement to document the extreme hardship she is experiencing while detained and to explain why urgent release or humanitarian parole is necessary and justified.

3. Wrongful Removal Attempt

Recently, my mother was subjected to a wrongful attempted removal despite having multiple legal matters pending, including:

- A properly filed and active appeal before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA);
- A pending U-Visa certification request; and
- A parole request already submitted to ICE Houston Field Office Outreach.

This incident caused significant trauma to both of us and demonstrated a serious failure in acknowledging her pending legal protections. This has intensified our hardship and suffering.

4. Extreme Hardship and Medical Concerns

My mother suffers from severe eczema and asthma, which require consistent and appropriate medical care. Her conditions have worsened during detention. She has told me she struggles with flare-ups, breathing issues, and inadequate medical attention. Continued detention is endangering her health and well-being.

5. She Is Not a Flight Risk

I am prepared to fully sponsor her. This includes providing stable housing, financial support, transportation to all court dates and ICE check-ins, and ensuring full compliance with any conditions of release. My mother has strong family and community ties, and she has no intention of fleeing or violating any supervision requirements.

6. Prolonged Detention Is Unnecessary

Because her BIA appeal is pending, she cannot be removed at this time. Detaining her while her appeal is ongoing serves no purpose and has created excessive psychological and medical hardship for our family.

7. Request for Immediate Release

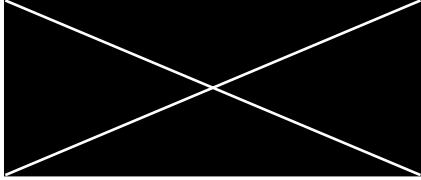
Given the wrongful attempted removal, her medical issues, the prolonged detention, her pending appeal, and the overwhelming hardship imposed on her and our family, I respectfully request that she be released under humanitarian parole or any other form of supervised release the Court deems appropriate.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 18, 2025.



 Mendez
Sponsor & Daughter



LORENA TORRES MENDEZ

DOB: [REDACTED]

**SUBJECT: URGENT – WRONGFUL RELEASE
FOR DEPORTATION DESPITE PENDING BIA
APPEAL**

October 16, 2025

To: Board of immigration
appeals

Dear Board member

I am writing to respectfully report and request review regarding the wrongful release of my mother, Lorena Torres Mendez, for deportation despite her appeal being timely filed and still pending before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

According to HOUSTON CONTRACT DETENTION FACILITY (CDF), she was released for removal around 12:00 a.m. on 10/16/25, and during transport, it was later discovered in their system that her appeal had already been submitted before the due date. She was then brought back into custody after this error was realized.

This incident has caused her significant emotional and psychological distress, especially considering that she has previously received [REDACTED], which are part of the reasons her case is being appealed.

I respectfully request:

1. Written confirmation that her appeal is active and that she will not be removed from the United States until the BIA has made a final decision.
2. Documentation or record correction reflecting that her prior release for deportation was in error.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please let me know if any additional information or documents are needed.

Sincerely,

Yakziri mendez

[REDACTED]

TRAUMA IMPACT STATEMENT

(Regarding Assault, Wrongful Deportation Release, and Prolonged Detention)

Date: 11/02/2025

Re: Lorena Torres Mendez

A-Number: 

Houston Processing Center – CoreCivic

To the Honorable Court,

I, Yakziri Dayanna Mendez, submit this statement to describe the severe emotional and psychological trauma experienced by my mother, Lorena Torres Mendez, and the emotional impact this situation has had on me as her daughter.

My mother's detention has caused overwhelming fear, distress, and psychological suffering. The trauma intensified when she was wrongfully released for deportation despite having pending legal proceedings. This caused her deep terror, confusion, and a constant fear that she would be forcibly removed without the opportunity to properly present her case.

Following this, she was physically assaulted while detained. Since that incident, my mother has lived in ongoing fear for her personal safety. She has expressed feeling unsafe, helpless, and emotionally broken. Her sense of dignity and security has been severely damaged. She experiences persistent anxiety, emotional instability, and symptoms of deep psychological distress.

As her daughter, this situation has caused me immense emotional pain. Living with constant fear of losing my mother, combined with witnessing her suffering, has been devastating. The stress and uncertainty have affected my daily life, mental well-being, and sense of stability. I live with the constant worry that something could happen to her while she remains detained.

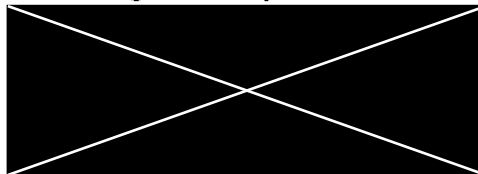
The trauma from these experiences has left lasting emotional scars on both of us. Our family unity has been fractured, and the emotional toll continues to intensify as her detention prolongs without resolution. The fear, anxiety, and helplessness we endure daily are overwhelming and deeply distressing.

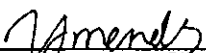
This statement is submitted to demonstrate the serious psychological and emotional consequences of Lorena Torres Mendez's continued detention and to respectfully request compassionate consideration for her release or immediate reconsideration of her confinement.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

Yakziri Dayanna Mendez
Daughter and Sponsor



Signature: 
Date: 11/02/2025

TRAUMA IMPACT STATEMENT

(Petitioner's Personal Statement)

Date: 11/02/2025

Re: Lorena Torres Mendez

A-Number: 

Houston Processing Center – CoreCivic

To the Honorable Court,

My name is Lorena Torres Mendez and I respectfully submit this statement to describe the emotional, psychological, and personal trauma I have experienced as a result of my prolonged detention, wrongful deportation release, and assault while in ICE custody.

Being detained for such an extended period has caused me deep emotional suffering, fear, and despair. I constantly live with anxiety and uncertainty, unsure of what will happen to my life and my future. The stress of confinement has weakened my mental and emotional stability.

One of the most traumatic experiences I endured was being wrongfully released for deportation despite having pending legal proceedings. I was terrified and confused, believing I would be removed from my family without the opportunity to defend my case. That moment caused extreme panic and emotional trauma that continues to haunt me.

While detained, I was also physically assaulted. Since that incident, I no longer feel safe. I live in constant fear, unable to sleep peacefully, and feel emotionally broken and vulnerable. I feel like my dignity and humanity have been taken from me.

My health has also suffering greatly. I struggle with asthma and severe eczema, both of which have worsened due to stress, poor conditions, and lack of proper care. The emotional pain and physical discomfort have become overwhelming.

The separation from my daughter and family has been devastating. I feel helpless knowing that my absence has caused them pain, and I deeply long to be reunited with them. This detention has affected my spirit, my peace, and my sense of hope.

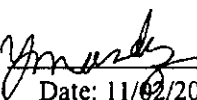
I respectfully ask the Court to consider the severe trauma I have experienced and the emotional harm caused by my continued confinement. I am not a danger, and I only wish to be released so I may heal and be with my family while continuing to comply with all legal requirements.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorena Torres Mendez
Petitioner

By: Yakziri Dayanna Mendez
Daughter & Next of Kin
(on behalf of detained Petitioner)

Signature: 
Date: 11/02/2025

DECLARACIÓN DE IMPACTO POR TRAUMA
(Perspectiva Personal de la Peticionaria)

Fecha: 11/02/2025

Re: Lorena Torres Mendez

Número A: 

Centro de Detención: Houston Processing Center – CoreCivic

A la Honorable Corte:

Mi nombre es Lorena Torres Mendez y respetuosamente presento esta declaración para describir el trauma emocional, psicológico y personal que he experimentado como resultado de mi detención prolongada, mi liberación errónea para deportación y la agresión que sufrí mientras me encontraba bajo custodia de ICE.

Haber estado detenida por un período tan largo me ha causado un profundo sufrimiento emocional, miedo y desesperación. Vivo constantemente con ansiedad e incertidumbre, sin saber qué pasará con mi vida y mi futuro. El estrés de la detención ha debilitado gravemente mi estabilidad emocional y mental.

Una de las experiencias más traumáticas que he vivido fue cuando fui liberada erróneamente para ser deportada, a pesar de tener procesos legales pendientes. Sentí un terror inmenso y confusión, creyendo que sería separada de mi familia sin la oportunidad de defender mi caso. Ese momento me causó pánico extremo y un trauma emocional que aún me persigue.

Mientras estaba detenida, también fui físicamente agredida. Desde ese incidente ya no me siento segura. Vivo con miedo constante, me cuesta dormir y me siento emocionalmente destruida y vulnerable. Siento que mi dignidad y humanidad han sido arrebatadas.

Mi salud también se ha visto gravemente afectada. Padezco de asma crónica y eczema severo, condiciones que han empeorado como resultado del estrés, las malas condiciones de detención y la falta de atención médica adecuada. El dolor físico y emocional se ha vuelto abrumador.

La separación de mi hija y mi familia ha sido devastadora. Me siento impotente al saber que mi ausencia les ha causado dolor, y anhelo profundamente estar reunida con ellos. Esta detención ha afectado mi espíritu, mi paz y mi esperanza.

Respetuosamente solicito a la Corte que considere el severo trauma que he sufrido y el daño emocional causado por mi continua detención. No represento ningún peligro y solo deseo ser liberada para poder sanar y estar con mi familia mientras continuo cumpliendo con todos los requisitos legales.

Declaro bajo pena de perjurio que lo anterior es verdadero y correcto según mi mejor conocimiento.

Respetuosamente,

Lorena Torres Mendez
Peticionaria

Por: Yakziri Dayanna Mendez
Hija y representante legal
(en nombre de la Peticionaria detenida)

Firma: 

Fecha: 11/02/2025

LORENA TORRES MENDOZ

DOB: [REDACTED]

**SUBJECT: URGENT — WRONGFUL RELEASE
FOR DEPORTATION DESPITE PENDING BIA
APPEAL**

October 16, 2025

To: ICE Officer in Charge

To Whom it may concern

I am writing to respectfully report and request review regarding the wrongful release of my mother, Lorena Torres Mendez, for deportation despite her appeal being timely filed and still pending before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

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This incident has caused her significant emotional and psychological distress, especially considering that she has previously received [REDACTED], which are part of the reasons her case is being appealed.

I respectfully request:

1. Written confirmation that her appeal is active and that she will not be removed from the United States until the BIA has made a final decision.
2. Documentation or record correction reflecting that her prior release for deportation was in error.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please let me know if any additional information or documents are needed.

Sincerely,

Yakziri mendez

[REDACTED]

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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EXHIBIT G


Title of Exhibit:

Hardship Letter from Sponsor

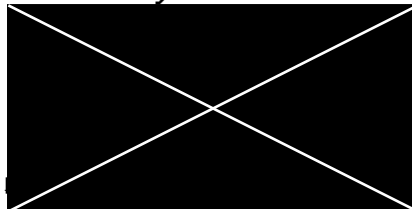
Brief Description:

Letter from Yakziri Dayanna Mendez describing the emotional, financial, and familial hardship caused by Petitioner's continued detention and the need for her release.

**Submitted in support of:
PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
(28 U.S.C. § 2241)**

Petitioner:
Lorena Torres Mendez
A-Number: 

Prepared by:
Yakziri Dayanna Mendez



Date: 11/02/2025

HARDSHIP LETTER

(Sponsor Statement)

Date: 11/02/2025

Re: Lorena Torres Mendez

A-Number: 

Houston Processing Center CoreCivic

To the Honorable Court,

My name is Yakziri Dayanna Mendez, and I respectfully submit this letter to explain the extreme hardship that has resulted from the continued detention of my mother, Lorena Torres Mendez.

My mother's detention has caused profound emotional, financial, and psychological hardship for me and our family. The separation has deeply affected my mental health, my daily functioning, and my sense of stability. Living with the constant fear of losing my mother, especially after she was wrongfully released for deportation and later assaulted while detained, has caused unbearable anxiety and emotional distress.

I have struggled with overwhelming stress, sleeplessness, and emotional exhaustion while trying to navigate legal processes, advocate for her safety, and maintain my personal and professional responsibilities. The uncertainty surrounding her situation has impacted every aspect of my life, including my ability to focus, work, and maintain emotional balance.

Beyond the emotional suffering, her absence has created significant disruption in our family structure. My mother plays an essential role in our family, and her continued detention has caused a painful void that has affected our sense of unity, security, and well-being.

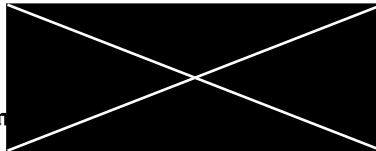
I am fully prepared and committed to providing full support for my mother upon her release. She will reside with me at my home, where she will have a stable environment, emotional support, and proper care. I will ensure her full compliance with all immigration requirements and court obligations.

I respectfully request that the Court consider the severe hardship caused by my mother's prolonged detention and grant her release or reconsideration for bond so that our family may begin healing from this trauma.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

Yakziri Dayanna Mendez
Daughter & Sponsor



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Signature: 

Date: 11/02/2025

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EXHIBIT H


Title of Exhibit:

Proof of Sponsor's Residence

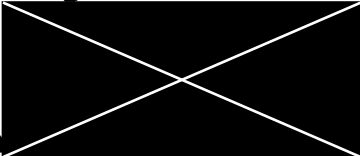
Brief Description:

Documentation verifying the Sponsor's home address, confirming stable housing for Petitioner upon release.

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(28 U.S.C. § 2241)**

Petitioner:
Lorena Torres Mendez
A-Number: 

Prepared by:

Daughter & Next of Kin

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Date: 11/02/2025

DECLARATION OF STABLE RESIDENCE

(Sponsor Housing Statement)

Date: 11/02/2025

Re: Lorena Torres Mendez

A-Number: 

Houston Processing Center - CoreCivic

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Yakziri Dayanna Mendez, along with Roberto Cantu, hereby declare that we will provide stable, permanent residence for Lorena Torres Mendez upon her release from ICE custody.

Lorena Torres Mendez will reside with us at the following address:



We confirm that this residence is safe, stable, and suitable for her living needs. We are fully committed to ensuring that she complies with all immigration requirements, court appearances, and any conditions set by the Court or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Attached to this declaration is our current mortgage statement as proof of residence and to demonstrate our ability to provide secure housing for Petitioner upon her release.


This declaration is made in support of Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and to confirm that she has a reliable and permanent home available immediately upon release.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

Yakziri Dayanna Mendez
Sponsor

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Signature: 

Date: 11/02/2025

Roberto Cantu
Co-Resident / Household Member

Signature: 

Date: 11/02/2025

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

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EXHIBIT I


Title of Exhibit:

Any Additional Supporting Documents

Brief Description:

Any supplementary materials relevant to Petitioner's unlawful detention,
medical condition, family hardship, or pending immigration relief.

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Petitioner:
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Date: 11/02/2025

Yakziri Dayanna Mendez
21931 Terre Riviera Dr
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Email: mendezyakziri@gmail.com

10/23/2025

To:
Field Office Director
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO)
Houston Field Office
126 Northpoint Drive
Houston, TX 77060

Re: Request for Humanitarian Parole under INA §212(d)(5)(A) for Lorena Torres Mendez

(b)(6)

Currently detained at: CoreCivic – Houston Processing Center
15850 Export Plaza Dr, Houston, TX 77032

Dear Field Office Director,

I am writing to respectfully request humanitarian parole for my mother, Lorena Torres Mendez (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)), who is currently detained at the Houston Processing Center and has been in ICE custody since March 2025, while her appeal remains pending before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).

Her continued detention has caused serious emotional and physical suffering for both her and our family. My mother was previously wrongfully released for deportation, which was terrifying for us all due to the ongoing death threats from gang-affiliated individuals in Mexico, as documented in her pending appeal. The thought of losing her to such danger has been unbearable.

While in detention, my mother was (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)). The officer on duty failed to intervene during the incident, and she required medical care afterward. Medical records and documentation from this incident are attached. This traumatic experience, combined with her poor health and unsafe living conditions, has severely affected her wellbeing. She continues to get sick often because of her existing medical conditions and the stress of being detained with individuals who are violent and frequently fight.

My mother has always been compliant with her immigration check-ins and has shown deep respect for the legal process. Her current immigration case stems from a single charge in which she was advised by appointed counsel to plead guilty, despite maintaining her innocence. The charge arose from an individual seeking a U visa by falsely claiming she assaulted them. My mother never assaulted anyone and wishes to prove her innocence through her ongoing appeal.

Yakziri Dayanna Mendez
21931 Terre Riviera Dr
Hockley, TX 77447
(980) 279-2389
mendezyakziri@gmail.com

November 18, 2025

ICE Houston Field Office – Outreach
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

RE: URGENT HUMANITARIAN PAROLE REQUEST

Detainee: Lorena Torres Mendez

A# [REDACTED]

Houston Processing Center – CoreCivic

To Whom It May Concern,

I respectfully submit this **urgent parole request** on behalf of my mother, **Lorena Torres Mendez** ([REDACTED]), who is currently detained at the Houston Processing Center. Her continued detention places her under **extreme hardship**, both medically and emotionally, and the circumstances surrounding her case warrant immediate humanitarian review.

1. WRONGFUL REMOVAL ATTEMPT

Recently, my mother experienced a **wrongful release for deportation** despite having multiple matters **pending**, including:

- A **BIA appeal** that has been properly received and is still active.
- A **U-Visa certification request** currently being processed.
- A **parole request** already submitted to this office.

This attempted removal caused significant trauma and hardship for her and for me as her daughter and sponsor. Given her pending legal matters, this incident reflects the urgency for ICE to **stabilize her situation** by granting parole while her case moves forward.

2. EXTREME HARDSHIP & MEDICAL NEEDS

My mother suffers from **severe eczema** and **asthma**, both of which require careful monitoring and treatment. Detention has worsened her symptoms significantly. These medical conditions make continued detention unsafe, especially when proper care is inconsistent.

3. NOT A FLIGHT RISK – FULL FAMILY SUPPORT

I am fully prepared to act as her **sponsor** and provide:

- A stable home at the address above
- Financial support
- Daily transportation for all check-ins, court dates, and medical care
- Immediate return to ICE custody if ever required

I guarantee full compliance with ICE supervision. She is **not a danger** and has strong community ties.

4. PROLONGED DETENTION IS NO LONGER NECESSARY

Because her **BIA appeal** is actively pending, she **cannot be removed** at this time, making prolonged detention unnecessary, inhumane, and burdensome for both her and our family.

Given all pending matters, including the BIA appeal, U-Visa request, and medical concerns, I

respectfully request that ICE grant **urgent humanitarian parole** so she can be safely supervised at home.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and urgent attention to this matter. I am available at any time for verification or additional documentation.

Sincerely,

Yakziri Dayanna Mendez
Sponsor & Daughter

