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February 6, 2026

VIA – CM/ECF
Honorable Patrick J. Schiltz
Chief United States District Judge
United States District Court
300 South Fourth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Re: *Somvang Phrachansiry v. Kristi Noem, et al.*
Case No.: 26cv00037 (PJS/EMB)

Dear Chief Judge Schiltz,

Enclosed are two support letters for Somvang Phrachansiry. The email and phone numbers have been redacted to protect the privacy of the letter writers. A non-redacted copy of the letters has been separately emailed to chambers and opposing counsel.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

s/ Robert Meyers

ROBERT MEYERS
Assistant Federal Defender

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Enclosure

NEW FLYER OF AMERICA

David Brolin
Production Cell Leader
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[redacted]

January 30, 2026

Honorable Immigration Judge
Re: Character Reference for Somvang ("Sam") Phrachansiry

Your Honor,

My name is David Brolin, and I am a Production Cell Leader at New Flyer of America in St. Cloud, Minnesota. I have supervised Somvang ("Sam") Phrachansiry for over 19 years, and I appreciate the opportunity to provide this character reference.

Sam has consistently been one of the most reliable and hardworking employees on our team. He shows up ready to work every day, takes pride in doing his job well, and can always be counted on to complete tasks thoroughly and responsibly.

He is respected by both coworkers and management. Sam maintains a positive attitude, treats everyone with respect, and is always willing to help. Over the years, he has repeatedly demonstrated his dedication by volunteering for overtime when production demands increased, taking initiative without needing direction, and stepping up during our most demanding periods to ensure deadlines were met.

Sam is also a humble, honest, and family-oriented individual. His continued presence in the United States would benefit not only his family but also our company, which depends on dependable and trustworthy employees like him.

Based on my long-term experience supervising Sam, I respectfully ask that you consider the positive qualities he brings to his workplace and community. In my professional opinion, he is a person of good moral character who deserves the opportunity to remain in this country.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

David Brolin
Production Cell Leader
New Flyer of America
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Therese Wolbeck
Team Lead
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[redacted]

February 2, 2026
Re: Detainee Somvang Sam Phranchansiry

Honorable Immigration Judge,

My name is Therese Wolbeck and I am writing in support of Somvang "Sam" Phranchansiry, whom I have known for approximately six years as a coworker and friend, and currently as his department Team Lead at New Flyer of America. I appreciate the opportunity to share my perspective on his character and positive impact he has had on those around him.

When I joined Sam's department at New Flyer, he was already an established and respected member of the team. Even before I took on a leadership position, I noticed his strong work ethic, reliability, and willingness to help others. As I moved into a supervisory role, my respect for Sam only grew. He is someone I can always count on to go above and beyond in the workplace, and to help coworkers that are struggling to complete a task.

Since I met Sam, our working relationship has developed into a genuine friendship. Through many conversations, and much time spent with him and his family, I have discovered how deeply devoted he is to his life partner, Gloria, and their children. He speaks about them with pride, love, and a sense of responsibility that is truly admirable, and I've personally seen this demonstrated in their presence as well. His commitment to providing stability and support for them is what motivates him to work hard every day.

I understand that the Court must consider many factors in making it's decision, but I respectfully ask that you take into account the qualities that define Sam: his integrity, his dedication to his job and community, and his devotion to his family. As his close friend, he has confided in me how truly remorseful he is for past mistakes he has made, and I firmly believe he will continue to be a valued member of society here in the United States if given the opportunity.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if any additional information would be helpful.

Respectfully,

Terry Wolbeck

Therese (Terry) Wolbeck
New Flyer of America