Letters of Support

Fill in the blanks below with the name of the person threatened with deportation. Put your name in the last line, and a deadline for people to return their letters. Make a list of those that you trust to write a letter of support. Follow up with phone calls and reminder. All letters of support should be in English, or translated accurately into English

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Letters of support needed for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is facing deportation. We, as family members and loved ones, are fighting it. Our success depends on your help! We need you to write a one-page letter of support IN YOUR OWN WORDS. Please neatly write or type the letter. If possible, put it on organizational letterhead. You may begin the letter:

[Today’s Date]

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regard to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He is currently at risk of being deported to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. His family and community are here, and we need him to stay here.

*Continue the letter including these points:*

* **Background:** who you are (profession, place you live, etc.) How long you have known \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(use his/her first name), and what is your relationship (family, friend, attended same church, etc.)
* **Community support:** describe the good things \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has done or for you personally. BE SPECIFIC.
* **Family:** Talk about the effects detention and deportation (or the threat of deportation) are having on the family. If you know them well, describe their family life and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s important place in it. If possible, describe how the family depends on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ financially and emotionally.
* **Safety:** Explain briefly why \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not a threat.
* **Sign the letter with your full name.** Get it notarized whenever possible.
* **Put** the letter on company letterhead if possible and include your work title.

*We need your letters to save our friend (loved one, family member, etc.) Please return your letter of support to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Thank you!*