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Elizabeth Immigration Court
625 Evans St
Room 148 A
Elizabeth, NJ 07201

Re: Victor Acurio Suarez

Dear Judge Ryan:

I am writing on behalf of Victor Acurio Suarez, who is held at Moshannon Valley Processing Center. Mr. Acurio Suarez is a resident of the State of Delaware and suffers from aphasia and severe developmental delays, which significantly limits his ability to communicate, function independently, and advocate for himself.

I am respectfully requesting the immediate release of Mr. Acurio Suarez. It is my understanding that he fled Ecuador after suffering a brutal beating at the hands of Los Lobos gang members, placing him in serious danger should he be deported. Mr. Suarez has complied fully with all legal requirements since his arrival in the United States. He applied for asylum within one year of entry, has an I-130 petition filed on his behalf, and has obtained valid work authorization.

Mr. Acurio Suarez has absolutely no criminal history in the U.S. or anywhere else in the world. He has no traffic violations and does not drive due to his disability. He has consistently respected our laws and poses no threat to public safety. He deserves to be released and reunited with his family.

I am deeply concerned that deportation would place Mr. Acurio Suarez at grave risk on a multitude of levels, as he relies on his family for full-time caretaking. Given Mr. Acurio Suarez's medical and functional limitations, I am concerned that he is unable to safely care for himself, effectively represent himself in legal processes, or access the necessary support without his family. Additionally, he would be at high risk of re-victimization by the Los Lobos gang if returned to Ecuador. Taken together, these circumstances place Mr. Acurio Suarez in an exceptionally disadvantaged and vulnerable position. As Governor, I am committed to ensuring that all Delaware residents are treated and provided with the resources and supports needed to live a life of dignity. That commitment includes both upholding public safety and ensuring that our systems do not inflict harm on individuals who pose no threat and are uniquely vulnerable.

As the Governor of the State of Delaware, I of course support efforts to remove illegal immigrants who are violent and a threat to our communities. Mr. Acurio Suarez is not one of them. I am asking for your empathy, your compassion, and your understanding. Please release Mr. Acurio Suarez and grant him asylum so he may remain safely with his family in Delaware.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Meyer'.

Matthew Meyer
Governor