



Vermont General Assembly

January 30, 2023

Enforcement and Removal Operations Field Office
ATTN: Non-detained unit
1000 District Avenue
Burlington, MA 01803

Re: Support for Stay of Removal Application for A# [REDACTED]

Dear Boston Field Office Director:

As members of the Vermont state legislature, we are writing in support of an Application for Stay of Removal submitted by Wuendy Bernardo Agustin (A# [REDACTED]) on November 10th, 2022. Ms. Bernardo Agustin and her family would suffer extreme hardship if removed from the United States; therefore, on humanitarian grounds, we strongly urge ICE to exercise its discretion and stay her removal.

Ms. Bernardo Agustin is a valued member of our community here in Vermont. She is the primary caregiver to her five children and her two orphaned younger sisters. Her large family relies on her and would be irreversibly harmed by her deportation. Wuendy is also a leader in the Vermont-based community organization Migrant Justice, advocating for workplace and tenant rights, improving working and living conditions on farms across Vermont and New York, and helping to make our state more just for all.

In the last legislative biennium, Ms. Bernardo Agustin played an active role in our community and our democracy, testifying to the Vermont legislature about barriers in access to healthcare as an immigrant mother. Her work resulted in landmark legislation creating the Immigrant Health Insurance Program, which covers medical costs for pregnant people and children regardless of immigration status. As a citizen legislature, we rely on the brave testimony of people like Wuendy to help us craft the best policy. She has more than demonstrated her dedication to our state, her commitment to civic engagement, and her respect for our democratic institutions.

As state elected officials, we join with others in respectfully requesting a Stay of Removal for Ms. Bernardo Agustin so that she may remain with her community in Vermont.

Sincerely,

Sen. Phil Baruth, President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Sen. Alison Clarkson, Senate Majority Leader

Sen. Andrew Perchlik, Senate Assistant Majority Leader

Sen. Kesha Ram Hinsdale, Chair of Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs

Sen. Ruth Hardy, Chair of Senate Government Operations Committee

Sen. Virginia Lyons, Chair of Senate Health & Welfare Committee

Sen. Thomas Chittenden

Sen. Martine Gulick

Sen. Wendy Harrison

Sen. Nader Hashim

Sen. Rebecca White

Rep. Jill Krowinski, Speaker of the House

Rep. Emily Long, House Majority Leader

Rep. Mulvaney-Stanak, House Progressive Caucus Leader

Rep. Theresa Wood, Chair of Committee on Human Services

Rep. Lori Houghton, Chair of Committee on Health Care

Rep. Tom Stevens, Chair of Committee on Housing & Military Affairs

Rep. Taylor Small

Rep. Esme Cole

Rep. Carol Ode

Rep. Kari Dolan

Rep. Angela Arsenault

Rep. Phil Pouech

Rep. Kate McCann

Rep. Joseph Andriano

Rep. Jana Brown

Rep. Katherine Sims

Rep. Kelly Pajala

Rep. Karen Dolan

Rep. Barbara Rachelson

Rep. Monique Priestley

Rep. Kirk White

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Rep. Leonora Dodge
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Rep. Leslie Goldman
Rep. Bobby Farlice-Rubio
Rep. Sarita Austin
Rep. Josie Leavitt
Rep. Jubilee McGill
Rep. Michelle Bos-Lun
Rep. Jonathan Williams
Rep. Larry Sacowitz
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Rep. Kate Logan