

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 29, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Noem:

In April 2025, Deysi Vargas, her husband, and four-year-old daughter, identified as S.G.V., received a notice that their legal status in the United States had been terminated, and in May, Deysi received notice that her employment authorization had also been terminated. S.G.V. suffers from short bowel syndrome, a rare condition that prevents her body from completely absorbing the nutrients of regular food. We urge you to reconsider the termination of S.G.V. and her family's legal status as S.G.V.'s doctors say she could die within days without treatment.

Due to S.G.V.'s short bowel syndrome, she receives intensive medical treatments such as: being tethered to feeding tubes 24 hours a day; spending 14 hours each night being hooked up to an intravenous feeding system; and receiving a different type of nutrition via a gastric tube into her stomach four times a day.¹ In 2023, S.G.V. and her family were allowed to enter the U.S. legally on humanitarian grounds.

Your Department has revoked this child's legal status in the U.S., which interrupts the urgent, life-saving care she receives at Children's Hospital Los Angeles every six weeks.

On the President's first day in office he issued an Executive Order stating that, "ensuring that the parole authority under section 212(d)(5) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)) is exercised on only a case-by-case basis in accordance with the plain language of the statute, and in all circumstances only when an individual alien demonstrates urgent humanitarian reasons or a significant public benefit derived from their particular continued presence in the United States arising from such parole."²

We believe this family's situation clearly meets the need for humanitarian aid and urge you and this Administration to reconsider its decision. It is our duty to protect the sick, vulnerable, and defenseless. Without action, S.G.V. will die. We urge a prompt response from your Department and a swift decision to extend this family's legal status in the U.S.

Sincerely,

¹ Los Angeles Times. (2025, May 27). 4-year-old Bakersfield girl facing deportation could die within days of losing medical care. *Los Angeles Times*. <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-05-27/deportation-trump-healthcare-immigration-humanitarian>

² Trump, D. J. (2025, January 20). *Protecting the American people against invasion* (Executive Order No. 14159). The White House. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/protecting-the-american-people-against-invasion/>



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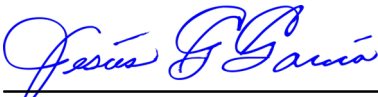
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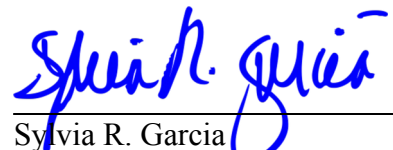
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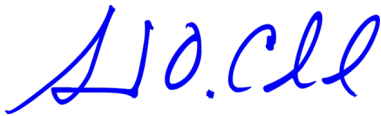
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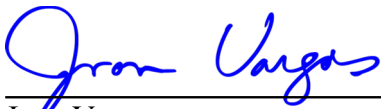
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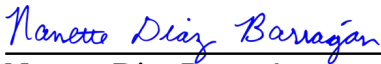
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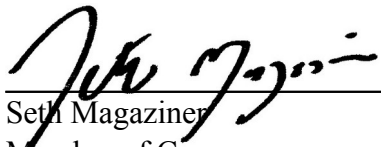
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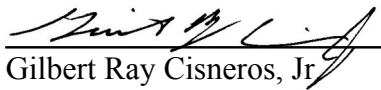
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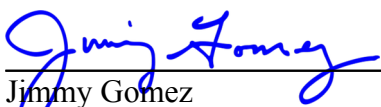
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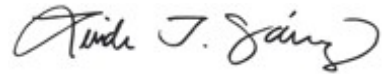
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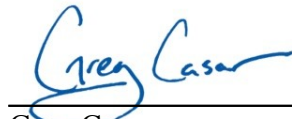
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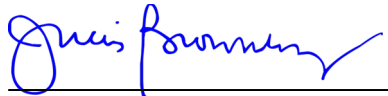
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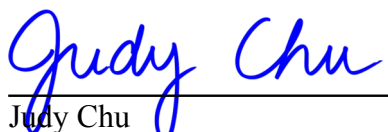
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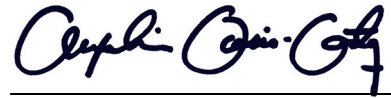
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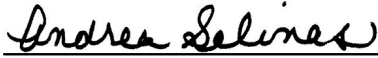
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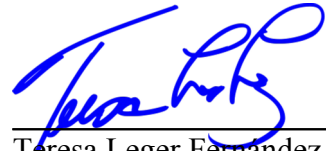
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