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RE: Kerly Mariangel Sosa Rivero (A# 246-862-275; DOB: 8/21/2009; Venezuela)
Gleiner Jose Sosa Mujica (A# 246-862-276; DOB: 1/13/1987; Venezuela)
Antony Janier Peña Sosa (A# 244-385-678; DOB: 3/3/2009; Venezuela)
Maryeli Antonieta Sosa Marquina (A# 244-385-677; DOB: 11/29/1990; Venezuela)
Mor Ba (A# 249-323-057; DOB: 8/12/2006; Senegal)
Santiago Jesus Zamora Perez (A# 244-803-643; DOB: 1/31/2008; Venezuela)
Evelin Josefina Perez (A# 244-803-642; DOB: 10/4/1980; Venezuela)

Dear Directors Raycraft & Vergara,

We are urging ICE to release four Western International High School students and their families: Kerly Mariangel Sosa Rivero and her father Gleiner Jose Sosa Mujica; Antony Janier Peña Sosa and his mother Maryeli Antonieta Sosa Marquina; Mor Ba; and Santiago Jesus Zamora Perez and his mother Evelin Josefina Perez.

These asylum seekers are all young people and their parents who arrived in the United States from Venezuela or Senegal. The students are all described as smart, respectful and hopeful for their future here in America. They are actively following the immigration process and not a risk to public safety. They are here fleeing violence and instability in Venezuela or Senegal, seeking asylum and better opportunities here in America.

Kerly is just 16 years old and is in 11th grade. She is passionate about music, loves alternative indie rock, works at Chili's and plays volleyball. She is known for standing up for herself and others, has a close-knit group of friends who miss her dearly, and dreams of going to college. She has been an active student in her teachers' classes for two years, is diligently working to learn English, and cares very much about justice and what is right. Antony, Kerly's cousin, is also just 16 years old and is in the 10th grade. Very intelligent and soft-spoken, he is friendly

and academically ambitious, playing the violin and excelling in an Advanced Placement art class. He also works at Chili's and is rapidly learning English. He told his teacher on the phone that "This isn't fair. I'm a good person. I just want to be a good person and study and work and live in Detroit." He is a responsible student whose friends miss him deeply. The day he was detained, he was supposed to meet friends to make flan. Kerly, Antony, and their parents have pending asylum applications. ICE detained Kerly, Gleiner, Antony, and Maryeli at their home in Detroit on November 20, 2025 at 5:00 a.m. without a warrant. ICE was looking for another individual and detained everyone in the house. Kerly, Gleiner, Antony and Maryeli are all currently being held at Dilley Immigration Processing Center in Texas.

Mor Ba is 19 years old and a recent graduate of Western International High School. He arrived in the United States from Senegal at the age of 17 and has a pending asylum application. He has a 3.12 GPA and was ranked 5th in his class. His teachers have described him as respectful, disciplined and a quiet leader. Mor was pulled over on November 26, 2025, by unmarked vehicles. Immigration enforcement agents were looking for a Mr. Niass, and though Mor is not Mr. Niass, he was detained. He is currently detained at the North Lake Processing Center in Baldwin, Michigan.

Santiago is 17 years old and is in the 11th grade. He is described by his teacher as outgoing, good-natured, and playful, always making jokes. He has excellent grades and is a star baseball player, with dreams of playing in college. His girlfriend, teammates, and friends are devastated by his absence. Santiago and his mother have pending asylum applications. They were detained by Fraser Police Department on December 7, 2025 for driving under the speed limit, with the police then alerting immigration enforcement officials. Despite a Temporary Restraining Order issued by a federal judge, Santiago and his mother were transferred to Dilley Immigration Processing Center in Texas.

Kerly, Antony, Mor, Santiago, along with parents Gleiner, Maryeli and Evelin are simply following the immigration process and trying to gain asylum as they seek a better life in Detroit. The students' teachers and community leaders have spoken about how respectful the students are and have spoken publicly about their desire that ICE release them immediately, a call that resonates deeply throughout the Detroit community.

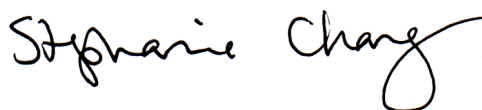
We urge ICE officials to release Kerly, Gleiner, Antony, Maryeli, Mor, Santiago, and Evelin and return them home to Detroit. These young students and their family members deserve the opportunity to learn, work, and grow in Detroit and live without the violence and fear they fled in Venezuela and Senegal.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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