

LETTERS FOR LUCIO!

BACKGROUND

Lucio Perez, facing imminent deportation to Guatemala, entered sanctuary at First Church UCC Amherst on October 18, 2017 to keep his family together while his immigration case is decided. He is a father of four and a leader in his church and community, who has lived and worked in the US for 19 years. **His family and community need him home!**

HOW TO HELP

Lucio's application for a Stay of Deportation and his Motion to Reopen will be decided soon. Now is the time to show widespread community support. Help us send ICE **1,000 letters by April 9!**

WHAT SHOULD MY LETTER LOOK LIKE?

- Please address the letter **"Dear Immigration Officials."** Letters will be sent to both Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Bureau of Immigration Appeals.
- Include **a copy of photo identification** directly on the letter or attached as a second page. (If you are not able to submit your identification, your letter is still needed! Please write your address and phone number on the letter instead.)
- Include up to **3 things you appreciate about Lucio** (e.g. great father, dedicated to his community, hard working). If you don't know him personally, please write a letter about his impact on and place in your greater community.
- Include **"Please approve the Stay of Removal and Motion to Reopen his case."**
- Handwritten is welcome as long as it's legible.
- See back for sample letters.

SEND IN YOUR LETTER

- By email at **lettersforlucio@gmail.com**
- By mail to the address below
- In person on Wednesday or Thursday mornings (10am-12pm) at the **Pioneer Valley Worker's Center**

GO ABOVE AND BEYOND!

Collect 20 letters from your friends and neighbors! One idea - bring a home copy machine to a community event. Copy friends' IDs onto each paper, and ask them to write their letter around the image. Then scan them to us or bring them to the office!

ADDRESS:

Pioneer Valley Worker's Center
20 Hampton Ave. #200
Northampton, MA 01060



CONTACT:

Margaret Sawyer, PVWC Organizer
margaret@pvworkerscenter.org
Please email with any questions

*If you have already submitted a letter for Lucio, thank you! No need to write another. Sample letters on back. For more information on Lucio's case, go to <http://www.gazettenet.com/lucio-perez-sanctuary-13474030>

Example A

Typed note with scanned ID

March 13,
2018

Dear Immigration Officials,

I am writing concerning the case of Lucio Perez who, since October 2017, has been living in sanctuary in the basement of a church in Amherst, Mass.

I have gotten to know Lucio during this time, and have found him to be a wonderfully kind, patient, caring man who wants nothing more than to be able to be home in Springfield, supporting and caring for his wife and four children. Lucio is a man of great faith and dedication. He understands the importance of a father's role in the life of his children as they grow up. Life is not always easy for young people and they need his love and guidance.

Lucio has made the best of his situation at the church, but deep down he is terribly sad. His family is able to visit but the visits are bittersweet and I know his wife and children, too, are sad. I can only imagine the terrible devastation they would all feel were his family to be completely torn apart and he sent back to Guatemala. They would lose a loving father and husband, and we in Massachusetts would lose a valuable, honest, hardworking man. I see absolutely no value in any of that, only pain, cruelty and loss.

Please approve the Stay of Removal and Motion to Reopen his case.

Sincerely,

Jennifer P Atkins



Example B

Handwritten note photographed with ID

*For a handwritten note, you may scan or photograph it with your ID. If you take a photo (as below), please email the largest size so it is legible when we print it.

