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STATEMENT OF QUALIFYING RELATIVE, U.S. CITIZEN SPOUSE, XXXXX

Statement of Extreme Hardship that U.S. Citizen, XXXXX, Will Experience If Her Husband, XXXXX, Is Refused Admission to the United States.

I, XXXXX, am a citizen of the United States of America and am the wife of XXXXX, a citizen of Mexico. I am providing this sworn statement in support of the I-601A unlawful presence waiver that my husband is filing. We realize that he has broken the law by living here without permission, but if he is refused admission, it would result in an extreme hardship for me based on the reasons discussed in my statement below. I am therefore respectfully asking that his unlawful presence waiver requested be approved.

BACKGROUND

My parents separated when I was just 6 years old. Since then, my mother has come in and out of my life. She's never been what I needed in a mother. She's never even told me that she loves me. Meanwhile, my father did his best to raise me and my three siblings, but he struggled with alcoholism after dealing with my unstable mother. Growing up, the only time we ate was at school, and we went an entire year without running water in our home. For a time, we even had to walk to the nearby minimart when we needed to use the bathroom.

I dropped out of school at 16 years old. By 18 years old, I was pregnant with my first child, XXXXX. Her father was in and out of prison, and since then, I believe he was deported. Either way, we never heard from him again. Soon after XXXXX was born, I got pregnant with my second daughter, XXXXX. While I was pregnant, I learned that her father was actually married, and his wife was pregnant, too. He also turned out to be physically abusive, and I had to file a restraining order against him. I turned to XXXXX after that, who fathered my only son: XXXXX. XXXXX is now in prison for attempting to murder a police officer.

With all of my bad luck in love, I feel truly blessed that XXXXX came into my life. I met him in March 2006 while I was vacationing in California. We were introduced through family and spent the next several months talking on the phone. We started dating in August and were married three years after we met on March 21, 2009. Since then, XXXXX and I had two daughters together: XXXXX and XXXXX.

XXXXX is a wonderful father to all 5 of my children. Although we have child support arrangements set up, we've never received the payments. Therefore, XXXXX provides for our whole family. He works as a cook at Inca Mexican Restaurant, making \$2,015.72 every month. I also work as a maintenance worker at Walmart and make about \$993.49 each month. Together, we work to pay the bills and work off our debts. We currently have a car loan with a balance of \$15,277.46, a school loan of \$6,447.85, credit card debt of \$265.55, medical debt of \$1,511.08, and a 401K loan. There is no way that I could pay off these debts without XXXXX's assistance. I would have to file for bankruptcy, and I would become completely dependent on the government for support.

XXXXX not only supports our family financially, but he's also a huge emotional support to me and our children. I have been diagnosed with depression and anxiety, XXXXX has anger and anxiety

issues, XXXXX has ADHD, XXXXX has anxiety, and XXXXX has ADHD, an impulse control disorder, and behavioral issues that require regular counseling. XXXXX has been a huge support to me as I've dealt with my own mental health needs. He always supports me and steps in to take care of things at home when I need to focus on my health. He also makes sure that XXXXX takes his medications, and he is the one that XXXXX turns to when she needs someone to confide in. XXXXX is the calming presence that we need in our home, and he has brought so much peace and hope to our lives.

Since I cannot drive, XXXXX is the one who transports XXXXX and XXXXX to school. He also works with XXXXX, who struggles in school and has been suspended multiple times. XXXXX looks to XXXXX as a father figure, and I am so thankful for the positive male role model that he is in XXXXX's life. He also supports XXXXX's academic endeavors, which is important since XXXXX has a learning disability that requires an IEP. XXXXX also has an IEP as she struggles with math and reading. I know that I cannot support them on my own. I need XXXXX with me to encourage our children and motivate them to work hard and get an education.

Losing XXXXX would be the hardest thing for me, and I know that it would leave me in a very dark, difficult place. Even though we have a very strong marriage, I really worry that the time apart could harm our relationship, too. For my sake and for my children's sake, I cannot lose my husband. I need him by my side so I can have his support to help me live my healthiest life.

HARDSHIP OF STAYING IN UNITED STATES WITHOUT XXXXX

If XXXXX were to return to Mexico without me, I would fail miserably despite fighting my hardest to manage alone.

Financial Hardship

PART 1: MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME	CURRENTLY
XXXXX Wage	\$2,403.86
Totals	\$2,403.86
PART 2: MONTHLY EXPENSES	CURRENTLY
PNC Bank (Home Mortgage for Primary Residence)	\$1,057.85
GoodLeap Loan (Outstanding Principal for Solar Panels: 42,634.84)	\$130.79
Nevada State Bank (Outstanding Principal Balance for Vehicle: 21,733.63)	\$331.94
Las Vegas Valley Water District	\$47.21
Citi Simplicity Card (Total due: 376.68)	\$20.00
NV Energy (Past due amount: 163.93)	\$187.89
American Expres Cash Magnet Card (Total due: 62.88)	\$40.00
Discover It Card (Total due: 921.43)	\$35.00
EnerBank USA Account (Total due: 12,410.40)	\$186.90
Geico (Auto Insurance)	\$111.84

Century Link (Cable/Internet)		\$45.00
Republic Services (Trash; Past due amount: 4.00)		\$52.50
Gasoline		\$200.00
Groceries/Food		\$400.00
Miscellaneous (Home repairs, clothing, etc.)		\$200.00
Total Monthly Expenses		\$3,046.92

PART 3: RESULTS	Estimated
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	\$2,403.86
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSE	\$3,046.92

When we first started dating, XXXXX worked as an assistant to his brother at his auto body shop. However, he's been unemployed since 2007 due to his immigration status. Therefore, I am currently the breadwinner for our family. I've worked as a customer service representative for XXXXX since 2018. Being the sole provider for our family is incredibly stressful for me and we are growing deeper into debt every month as my income does not cover all our expenses. I constantly worry about how we'll pay our bills, especially as we get so many medical bills for my conditions. I do not want to lose our home, so I really need XXXXX assistance. With his immigration status worked out, he'll be able to get a full-time job once again, which will really ease our financial burdens. This would be incredibly helpful for me because I do not know how I can handle the stress of this all much longer. I am constantly thinking about how to pay off our bills and make ends meet. Having XXXXX help would make all the difference.

On top of everything else, I worry that I will need to send money to XXXXX to help him cover his basic needs while he's living in Mexico. XXXXX will be truly fortunate to even find work there with so many people looking for jobs right now. Even if he's lucky enough to find a job in Mexico, his income will never be enough to cover his own basic necessities there, and he definitely will not have any money to send back to help me in the United States. The daily minimum wage in Mexico is just 123.22 Mexican pesos, or \$6.36 USD (Gonzalez, 2020), so we know that he will struggle to cover his own basic needs while he's living there. I will need to send him money to supplement his income, which means that I will be forced to provide for two separate households. There is no way that I can do this! I'm already struggling to support our family. I will absolutely fall apart under the stress of everything and will completely fail without XXXXX help in the United States.

Mental Health

My mother has been in and out of my life for as long as I can remember. My father was an alcoholic, and we suffered from poverty throughout my youth. Also, I was repeatedly sexually abused by my older brother's friend, and I've had a rough experience with my three oldest children's fathers. Through all of this, I was diagnosed with depression and anxiety. I take Fluoxetine and Topiramate, and I was going to therapy until XXXXX hit rough times. I felt like I needed to be more available for him. Through all of this, I have felt so fortunate to have XXXXX in my life. He is my biggest support, and he is such a calming influence for me. He takes care of the children and helps out around the house when I need some time to myself. I don't know what I would do without him. The stress of struggling with anxiety and depression while trying to manage our household on my own is too much. I worry about our family's financial future and how I will raise five children on my own. I cannot do it all without XXXXX.

I also worry about our children. XXXXX was diagnosed with ADHD in kindergarten and takes medications to manage his symptoms. He was also diagnosed with an impulse control disorder and behavior disorders. He attends regular counseling through the Grant County Mental Health Wise Program. XXXXX also goes to counseling for anger and anxiety. She has stopped taking her anxiety medications, and I'm working with her to find a new therapist that she trusts. XXXXX also has ADHD and takes medications, and XXXXXX has anxiety. With everything going on with our children, I look to XXXXXX to help me support them. They all have a wonderful relationship with XXXXXX and look to him for help and guidance. In fact, XXXXXX prefers to confide in him when she needs help. He then counsels with me, so I know what's going on with her and what we can do to help her. If our children lose XXXXXX, this will greatly impact their progress. I know that XXXXXX, especially, would struggle losing the positive male role model in his life. He would act out even more, and I would really struggle to figure out how to handle the situation on my own.

On top of all of this, I worry for XXXXX's safety. He grew up in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. In this area, the Jalisco New Generation cartel (CJNG) has set up their home base and kidnap and murder anyone who gets in their way. Because of this, violence is on the rise there. One report found that the homicide rates were "20% worse than the national average....[and] Nearly 3,400 people have been reported missing in the state, so it is among the worst in the country for disappearances" (Woody, 2019). With XXXXXX there, I will not be able to think about anything else. I will be so worried that my work will suffer, and our children will have to deal with a mother whose mind is elsewhere much of the time. I cannot do this. I need XXXXXX here where he will be safe, and we can work together to love and care for our children.

Educational Hardship

Education is a high priority to me. I know that getting an education opens so many doors, and this is something that I want for my children. I didn't get a chance to graduate from high school in my youth, and I have been working hard to make up for this. I'm currently enrolled at the Healthcare Pathway Program at Penn Foster. The program is paid for by my employers. I hope to set a good example to my children, which is something I wouldn't be able to do without XXXXX's support at home. He makes it possible for me to take the time I need to go to school.

He's also a huge support to our children in their studies. XXXXX is 18 years old and in the 12th grade, XXXXX is 17 years old and in the 11th grade, XXXXX is 14 years old and in the 8th grade,

XXXXX is 12 years old and in the 7th grade, and XXXXX is 10 years old and in the 5th grade. XXXXX, XXXXX, and XXXXX are all enrolled in an online school. When she graduates, XXXXX wants to continue her education at Penn Foster with me. XXXXX hopes to continue her classes online while she's pregnant and raising her baby. XXXXX and I want to offer her any assistance that we can to ensure that she graduates and can continue with her academic pursuits. XXXXX struggles with general education in math and reading, so she has an IEP and takes special education classes. She needs to focus on studying for tests, and she has a hard time asking for help. We try to create a supportive environment in our home where she can come to us when she needs help with her schoolwork. With XXXXXX's help, I know that XXXXX will catch up and thrive throughout her academic career.

Since XXXXX has an impulse control disorder and behavior issues that require counseling, he also struggles in school. He's been suspended several times. Once, he was suspended after he swore at his teacher. On another occasion, he gave a vape with marijuana in it to one of his classmates. Not only does he struggle adapting and with his behavior issues, but he also has learning disabilities that require an IEP. He struggles to concentrate, and he struggles with math, reading, adaption skills, and social/emotional skills. We work with him and make sure that we attend his yearly IEP meetings. XXXXXX also checks XXXXXX's pockets before he leaves to look for any inappropriate items that shouldn't be brought to school. I get so overwhelmed thinking about what we can do to help XXXXXX. We want XXXXXX to get an education, and we want him to find success in his life. I do my best to help him, but it's XXXXXX who has made the biggest impact on XXXXXX. Without XXXXXX, XXXXXX will spiral out of control. I cannot do this on my own. I need XXXXXX's support, and, more importantly, XXXXXX needs XXXXXX here.

Without XXXXX here, there would also be no parent around to monitor social interactions with friends after school or monitor their specific developmental needs throughout their lives. Not being able to continue to provide this for them would make me feel like a failure of a mother, because I know what a positive impact it can have on children. I didn't have my parents around after school when I was younger, and this made me vulnerable to becoming a victim of sexual assault by my brother's friend. Because of this, it's very important to me that my children have a parent around to monitor interactions and make sure that everyone is safe and receives the support they need. Truly, without XXXXX here, I won't be able to support our children in the way they need, which will devastate their education and future opportunities.

Physical Health

We recently found out that XXXXX, my 17-year-old daughter is pregnant. We plan to support her and her baby, but we know that there is a long road ahead for her. Babies need regular doctors' visits, healthy food, an age-appropriate schedule, and more. I've been a single mother, and I know what challenges XXXXX will face. I don't want her to have to do this alone. However, babies are expensive. We're already doing our best to care for our 5 children. I cannot support them and XXXXXX's new baby without XXXXXX by my side.

I also have physical needs that benefit from having XXXXX's support. I suffer from sciatica, and in November 2017, I was diagnosed with sleep apnea. Now, I use a CPAP machine at night. I have insurance through my work at Walmart to help pay for this machine. I need this machine to help me breathe properly while I'm sleeping. I don't know how I could afford this without XXXXX

here to help me make ends meet. To ensure that I get the medical care I need, I need my husband by my side.

Truly, our family needs XXXXX here to keep our health on track and ensure that our children receive the attention they need to stay healthy now and throughout their lives. I am confident that with XXXXX's support we can provide this for all five of our children, but we need him here to make it possible.

Support of Family and Friends

Until recently, my father was living with us. He moved out, but we still drive him to his appointments or help him pick up his medications since he has diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and kidney failure. We also send money for my nephew's baby formula and diapers. Since I can't drive, XXXXX is the person who makes it possible for us to help my father. And, it's because of XXXXXX's wages that we can afford to send money for my nephew. Without XXXXX, I will not have the time or means to help them.

Moreover, XXXXX is my biggest supporter. He makes everything good in my life possible, so without him, my world would crumble. I need him by my side to continue to offer the support our family needs to thrive.

Special Considerations

Managing a blended family of 7 is no easy task, especially since our children have various challenges that they face. Additionally, I have my own struggles with depression and anxiety that I work through every day. With XXXXX by my side, I know that we can rise to any challenge and raise five wonderful children. However, I need him by my side. I need him here with me. I cannot lose his daily presence in our lives.

HARDSHIP OF RETURNING TO MEXICO WITH XXXXX

Returning to Mexico with XXXXX is not an option. As much as I would suffer here in the United States without him, trying to survive in Mexico would be even worse.

Financial Hardship

XXXXX and I both work in the United States to support our family. We have good jobs, and we try to keep a good balance with our work to spend as much time with our children as possible. Unfortunately, moving to Mexico would make it very difficult to find jobs to support a family of seven. With the daily minimum wage for Mexico at just \$123.22 Mexican Pesos, or \$6.36 USD (Gonzalez, 2019), both XXXXX and I would have to work more than full time in order to provide for our family. Stable jobs are difficult to find with such a large population of people looking for work. We would have to pick up any job that we could find and scrimp and save every penny. Additionally, age discrimination is a huge problem there. In fact, "90% of job postings posted exclude individuals over 35 years" (Alcantara, 2017). I am 37 years old and XXXXXX is 46 years old, so it will be very difficult for us to find jobs there.

Even if we could find jobs, trying to feed our family and pay for basic housing would be very difficult. Our family will live in extreme poverty there. Since several of our children have mental health challenges, living in these circumstances will be too hard on them. I grew up in poverty.

My father struggled to feed me and my siblings, and we went an entire year without water. I know the negative impact that this had on me. I don't want this for my children. We need to stay in the United States where we can continue to support our children financially.

Mental Health

We often hear about the increasing number of street crimes, violence, and daylight kidnappings in Mexico. We've also heard how gangs often force "children and teens to join their ranks, [or they end up] torturing or killing those who refuse" (Agence France-Presse, 2017). XXXXX is 14 years old now, so he will have to face this situation. This is not the life I want for my son. We need to stay in the United States to protect him and my daughters from these dangers and keep their lives moving in a positive direction.

I especially worry about my daughters since violence toward females is on the rise there. In fact, "The number of femicides—women and girls killed on account of their gender—increased by 12% to 147 cases reported in January and February. Kidnappings were up 80% to 270 cases" (Richards, 2019). I cannot bring my four daughters to Mexico. I will constantly worry about them and would never want to let them out of my sight. These worries will only build on the anxiety and depression that I struggle with on a daily basis already.

Speaking of which, I worry that I won't be able to get the treatments that my children and I need. Mexico is well behind the United States in terms of treatments for people with mental health concerns. Not only are treatments insufficient, but many times the only place that people can get treatments is through psychiatric hospitals. Even then, "people have to wait between 4 and 20 years to receive medical attention at a public health institution" (Riquelme, 2018). This would force us to seek care from a private facility, which would be way out of our budget. There is no way that we could afford private care with the income we would receive from employment in Mexico.

Another worry that I have about moving to Mexico is the stigma associated with mental health down there. Things like anxiety and depression are often the basis for prejudice with people abusing individuals with mental health needs. When people find out that several of our family members require treatment for anxiety, we will face extreme prejudice and abuse. This maltreatment will surely cause greater stress, anxiety, and depression. It may also make it very difficult to find employment if employers find out. It will be a never-ending cycle, sending us into a downward spiral that we won't be able to get out of without proper treatment. This treatment is only available in the United States, so we need to be here. However, we need XXXXXX with us to have his support and peace of mind that he is safe from harm.

Physical Health

One of my biggest worries about relocating to Mexico is the healthcare there. With five children, I know that we will need to see doctors on a regular basis, especially as XXXXX prepares to have a baby. We need to have access to quality medical care, especially since I require a CPAP machine for sleep apnea. It would be nearly impossible to get a CPAP machine in Mexico, and even then, it would be well out of our budget.

Also, XXXXX had a welding accident last Thanksgiving. His eye shield broke, which led to eye damage. Now, he needs glasses and has problems with his vision. I'm thankful that we have

insurance and access to optometrists that can help XXXXX here in the United States. We cannot go to Mexico and leave these resources behind. If the problems got worse, he could lose his vision. Then, he would have a very hard time finding work and helping us support our family.

Moving to Mexico would also make it difficult to support our extended family. Both of my parents have diabetes. XXXXX and I take my father to doctors' appointments and help him get his prescriptions. It's important to me that we can take care of my father, especially if he needs to move back in with us in the future. To do this, we need to remain in the United States.

Educational Hardship

When it comes to their education, we know that staying in the United States is the best thing for all of our children. XXXXX, XXXXX, and XXXXX are all enrolled in online school. They cannot continue to do these courses while living in Mexico since they have to attend the class in person on occasion to check in with their teachers. The opportunity to go to school online has been really wonderful for them, and it would be very hard on them to give this up to transfer to a school in Mexico. Studies show that children who transfer from American schools to schools in Mexico struggle to adapt as they face many obstacles along the way. "Such challenges range from meeting documentation requirements to developing literacy skills in Spanish and catching up with Mexican curricula" (Jacobo & Jensen, 2018). I don't want our children to have the added challenges of switching schools, countries, and cultures in the middle of their education. I want them to graduate from high school and go on to have great careers. XXXXX is in her last year of high school anyway. She is months away from graduating, and she has plans to continue her education, too. We want to be here with her to continue to support her and provide for her while she focuses on her academic pursuits.

We also worry about XXXXX and XXXXX since they have IEPs to receive additional help with their learning disabilities. They both struggle in math and reading. XXXXX also struggles with adaption skills and social/emotional skills. His struggles with adapting alone would be a huge issue when moving to a new country. Because of this, we fear that he will drop out and ruin his future chances. We cannot take XXXXX away from his regular routine, and we want him and XXXXX to continue to have the resources that they need to excel in school. Going to school in the United States is the best way for them to gain the knowledge and skills they need in life. In Mexico, the schools are nowhere near ready to help children with learning disabilities succeed, and there is limited access to schools with programs to help students who struggle. There are no uniform services, and most schools that offer interventions are only located in big cities. There are private clinics that offer support, but they are expensive and lack teachers with proper training (Lizardi & Salazar, 2018). It would mean everything to me to know that XXXXX and XXXXXX can continue to receive the help they need here in the United States.

Regarding our personal education goals, XXXXX would like to get his GED, and I have been attending Penn Foster. I have been so thankful for the opportunity to complete my high school degree and further my education. I also hope that my education will lead to better work opportunities that can help us better support our family. Relocating to Mexico, however, will take away the possibility of ever completing my education. We will not have the time or resources to allow me to go to school while in Mexico, and I will be truly devastated to wipe away my education goals.

Support of Family and Friends

XXXXX's mother lives in Mexico, but she cannot help us. She lives in very poor conditions and struggles to pay the bills. We could not look to her for any help. On the other hand, my parents and siblings all live in the United States. Our relationships may be strained, but I have high hopes that we can continue to build on the relationships that we have, especially with my mother. I could never do this after moving to Mexico. I have always yearned to be close with my mother, and I would be truly heartbroken to move away and give up the chance at every developing a relationship with her.

Special Considerations

Thinking about moving to Mexico already has my anxiety levels off the charts. Hearing the stories of crime there has made me so fearful and nervous for our safety, let alone the safety of our children. None of them have ever lived in Mexico, and they don't even speak Spanish fluently. We cannot take them from everything they know and love into Mexico where we will struggle to survive. This would be too much for them. Our family will fail on every level. We cannot do this. We need to stay in the United States.

CLOSING

Please allow my husband, XXXXX, to remain here in the United States. If XXXXX is unable to remain in the United States, I would be faced with the most difficult scenario of my life—trying to function without the support of my spouse while raising five children on my own. I would be devastated to lose him, and it will truly result in extreme hardship for me.

I completed this affidavit in support of my spouse's I-601A unlawful presence waiver. I under penalty of perjury that my foregoing statement on how I will suffer if the 10-year punis is enforced against my husband is true and correct.					
Signature (XXXXX)	Date				
Please note: This statement was written with	the assistance of legal counsel.				

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Factors USCIS considers when determining extreme hardship include but are not limited to:

- Health—for example: ongoing or specialized treatment required for a physical or mental condition, availability and quality of such treatment in the foreign country, anticipated duration of the treatment, chronic vs. acute or long- vs. short-term care.
- Financial considerations—for example: future employability, loss due to sale of home or business or termination of a professional practice, decline in standard of living, ability to recoup short-term losses, cost of care for family members (elderly and sick parents), cost of extraordinary needs, such as special education or training for children.
- Education—for example: loss of opportunity for higher education, lower quality or limited scope of education options, disruption of current educational program, requirement to be educated in a foreign language or culture with ensuing loss of time or grade, availability of special requirements, such as training programs or internships in specific fields.
- Personal considerations—for example: close relatives in the United States and country of birth or citizenship, separation from spouse/children, ages of involved parties, length of residence and community ties in the United States.
- Special factors—for example: cultural, language, religious, and ethnic obstacles; valid
 fears of persecution, physical harm, or injury; social ostracism or stigma; access (or lack
 of access) to social institutions or structures (official or unofficial) for support, guidance,
 or protection.

Exhibits 1-10 to follow with client documentation. Please see sample Table of Contents for breakdown. Documentation not included within samples due to client confidentiality.

