

# **EXHIBIT G**

## AFFIDAVIT OF ELIZABETH "LISA" HERNANDEZ

I, Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez, hereby state the following to the best of my ability:

"My name is Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez. I am the Illinois State Representative for the 24<sup>th</sup> Legislative District.

On August 31, 2017, I, along her with attorney, community members and other political leaders accompanied Genoveva Ramirez Laguna to her check in at Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Chicago. Ms. Ramirez is my constituent in Berwyn and requested that I accompany her. Ms. Ramirez seeks to have her deportation stayed or delayed as she has a pending U visa application that if granted, will give her protection and immigration status in the United States.

Ms. Ramirez was requesting that ICE reconsider the denial of her stay of removal given her extraordinary circumstances. Ms. Ramirez is a sixty seven year old grandmother who has lived in the United States for more than sixteen years. She lives in Berwyn and I have supported her efforts in her fight against her deportation. Ms. Ramirez has nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild and four children. She is one of the primary caretakers of her grandson, Mariano. Ms. Ramirez was physically attacked after a home invasion in Berwyn. Ms. Ramirez cooperated with the police in the investigation of that violent crime. She subsequently applied for a U visa and her requesting has been pending for nearly two years.

Ms. Ramirez lives in Berwyn with her family. She has been

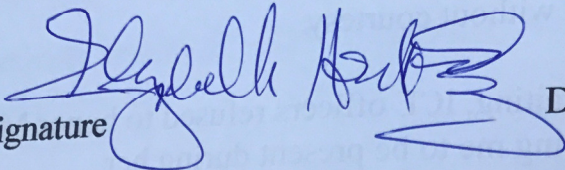
actively involved in fighting against harmful immigration policies in the United States and works to empower immigrants facing family separation and deportation. She is the pillar of her family and her family would suffer extraordinary hardships if Ms. Ramirez is forced to leave the United States.

I am one of the lead sponsors of the Illinois Trust Act, a law that prohibits police officers from holding people, like Ms. Ramirez, unless ICE presents a valid, court issued warrant. Forcing Ms. Ramirez to depart the United States is contrary to the policy of the State of Illinois and to the best interests of our communities, and of course her family. I strongly support Ms. Ramirez and will continue to fight for her and others impacted by current inhumane immigration policies and practices.

Ms. Ramirez is an important person in our community of Berwyn. She is strongly supported by community members, organizations, faith institutions, political leaders and her union, Service Employees International Union.

During the more than two hours that I was present at ICE in Chicago, I observed discourtesy and demeaning behavior by ICE officers and personnel towards people who were already scared and nervous. ICE officers were dismissive towards the numerous political leaders who were present supporting Ms. Ramirez including Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, Illinois State Representative Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, Aldermen Carlos Ramirez Rosa and Rick Muñoz, as well as representatives from the office of Congressman Luis Gutierrez and from the Mexican Consulate. Our requests to be accommodated in one of their conference rooms was ignored.

People at the ICE office are nervous and afraid. I saw people approach the front desk and no interpreter was provided for

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However, due to my advocacy and that of Congresswoman Schakowsky and Ms. Ramirez's attorney, Molly Ruiz-Velasco, Director Ricardo Wong came out to talk to us. He was disrespectful and insisted that I was not allowed in the interview. He mentioned that things were different now with the new President and that everyone was a priority. After persistent efforts, Director Wong said that he would allow me this one time to be present. He also said that he would consider each case, and he threatened by saying that if he wanted to, he could detain Ms. Ramirez at any moment.

ICE officers and Director Wong did not demonstrate compassion and seemed to misuse their discretion. Although they admitted to having discretion, they specifically said that everyone was a priority and were not going to exercise favorable discretion to stop the separation of families. In the end, his officers said that Ms. Ramirez must return on September 28, 2017, with tickets showing that she would be departing the U.S. by October 26, 2017.

Ms. Ramirez has lived in the U.S. for sixteen years, has strong ties to our communities and is a strong advocate on behalf of the rights of immigrants. Ms. Ramirez is a leader in Berwyn, AZ. I said that day, ICE has discretion to stop the deportation of Ms. Ramirez. Her family will suffer extraordinary hardships should she be forced to leave. I strongly encourage ICE to stop the deportation of Ms. Ramirez.

I have the above in the best context of my belief.