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Mr. [REDACTED]

You and your family have gone through a difficult and dangerous journey to arrive in the United States. The federal agents at the border released you so that you would be able to search and apply for legal status in the United States. Following the instructions on this letter and reading the forms that come within this package will help you in your efforts.

#### Right to apply for asylum

You have the right to apply for asylum and other protections that may allow you to remain in the United States. You will have the opportunity to tell your story to an immigration judge.

The judge will hear and decide if you can remain in the United States. You do not need to be imprisoned to see the judge! Almost every immigrant that is waiting to see the Immigration Judge in the United States lives in the community.

Report to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Department (ICE) for processing

Form G-56 will let you know when to appear before the Operations Office of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Department for processing. When you appear before the Operations Office:

- · you will talk to an agent who will complete your processing (they will ask for personal information and take your fingerprints)
- you will be provided with instructions on what to do next; you will get more information on how to find legal assistance and other resources; and
- · you will receive documents that will allow you to find housing, services, education, and employment.

Unless you have committed a felony or the government thinks that you might be a risk for the United States, you will NOT be detained. You may bring an attorney or any assistance for your appointment.

### Reporting to your Immigration Hearing

Form I-862 (Notice to Appear) has: 1) the information that the government will use to discuss your case at your immigration hearing, which includes your immigration crimes; and 2) the date, time, and address of the Immigration Court before which you must appear. It is very important that you inform ICE AND the Immigration Court if you change addresses so that you may receive updates at your new residence. You do not want to miss your court date! Attached to this letter are instructions on how to change your address both for ICE and the Immigration Court.

# FREE Legal Aid

Many groups and attorneys offer FREE LEGAL AID. We have included a package with this letter on Legal Resources. It provides the names of several organizations that could help you, their phone numbers, and links to their websites so you may contact them.

#### Reminder

It is very important that you appear before the ICE Operations Office and to appear for your court dates. This will help you guarantee the best possible outcome and will allow you to remain in the United States without fearing the government or law enforcement while waiting for the judge to hear your case.

If you have any questions on the report, you may call ICE at 1-888-351-4024 where they have operators that can help you in several languages.

# **Enclosed**

G-56, Call-In Letter Address Change Leaflet Legal Aid and Other Resources Leaflet