

Declaration of [REDACTED]

A# [REDACTED]

DECLARATION OF [REDACTED] IN SUPPORT OF BOND

I, [REDACTED], state that the following information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

1. My name is [REDACTED]. I was born [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. I left [REDACTED] in approximately 2000 and arrived in the U.S. around this time.
2. I am requesting bond so that I can continue to pursue my asylum case with immigration.
3. I have a bond sponsor, [REDACTED]. If granted bond, I would live at [REDACTED] Leesburg, VA [REDACTED].

Why I am Not a Flight Risk:

4. I hired the law firm, [REDACTED] to represent me in my asylum case after submitting an application in approximately 2015. My next immigration court date is set for July 21 2020.
5. In approximately October 2016, I was granted a work permit after submitting an asylum application.
6. Since 2012 I have not missed any court dates and have attended all my check-ins with ICE. My first immigration court date was on or approximately on October 3, 2012. I have been reporting to immigration court and ICE ever since: for immigration court in 2013, 2014, and 2016; ICE in 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2017. On May 23, 2017, I appeared before ICE for my check-in and was detained.
7. I have not been charged or convicted of any criminal offenses since 2015.
8. I am afraid to return back to back to [REDACTED] because it is dangerous in my country and I have a specific fear. I fear for my safety from retaliation by gangs because I stepped in to stop them from beating a friend who was being attacked on the street. After the incident, the gangs threatened to kill me for having stopped them for beating their target, my friend. The threats were continuous and as the gang members increased their presence and threats against me, I became even more fearful.
9. I have submitted tax forms for the past two years. I do not believe I owe any taxes for these last two years, but if necessary, I will initiate a payment plan to ensure I have fulfilled all my obligations with the tax department.
10. From 2003 through 2011, I played soccer for a league in Leesburg, VA. I played for two teams, team [REDACTED] and team [REDACTED]. We played against leagues from other counties. In approximately 2011, I had to quit playing because of a ligament injury.

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I Am Not a Danger to the Community.

11. I have a conviction from approximately 2015 for driving under the influence in West Virginia. I feel bad that this happened and ashamed that I made the decision to drive after drinking. Although I know there is absolutely no excuse for this action, I was going through a very difficult time. My mother died suddenly of a heart attack in [REDACTED] in approximately January 2015. I was not able to see her before she died. Then my long-term girlfriend ended our relationship. I was forced out of the home we shared, and she terminated the pregnancy, we were expecting to have a baby together in approximately September 2015. My mother's death and the unexpected decision of my ex-girlfriend to abort a baby we had planned together made me very depressed and I turned to drinking. Drinking was not a way to resolve all of these emotions I had at the time.
12. I voluntarily attended AA class after being released in 2015. I attended classes in Spanish for approximately 4 to 5 months in Leesburg, Virginia.
13. Since 2015 I have not had any additional drinking charges or offenses.
14. I also realize that my prior problems arose when I drinking. I have already attended AA classes in Leesburg, Virginia and I am going to continue taking AA classes 3-4 times per week.
15. I have continuously worked ever since coming to the United States. I have worked in landscaping, painting, [REDACTED], and other seasonal jobs. I've worked as a painter for about 10 years. I work 7 days a week performing painting and farm labor jobs. I pick up extra shifts anytime I am able to do so.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements above are the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

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TRANSLATION CERTIFICATE

I, _____, am fluent in the Spanish and English languages, and I am competent to translate from Spanish to English. I certify that I have read the above document entitled “Declaration of [REDACTED], in Support of Bond” from English to Spanish to Mr. [REDACTED] and that the translation was a true and accurate translation to the best of my abilities.

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