

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW  
IMMIGRATION COURT  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

In the Matter of:	)	
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<b>ABC</b>	)	<b>In Removal Proceedings</b>
<b>A# 123-456-789</b>	)	
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Respondent	)	<b>Immigration Judge [NAME]</b>
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**Affidavit of X**

I, X, swear that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

1. My name is X. I am ABC's girlfriend and the mother of his two children.
2. I am a United States citizen. I was born in New York, New York on [DATE].
3. I met ABC in May of 2011. We were both working in [PLACE] at a place called [COMPANY]. We had been placed there by a temp agency called [COMPANY]. We had a lot of great conversations and started dating soon after.
4. At that time, I was renting an apartment in [PLACE] where I lived with my daughter A, who was about six months old then. Eventually, ABC moved in with me and we had our first son, also named ABC, on [DATE].
5. In December of 2013, we had to leave my apartment in [PLACE]. I had been living there as part of a rent assistance program called [PROGRAM]. But the program ended and I couldn't afford to stay in that apartment anymore.
6. Since then, our lives have been very stressful. ABC and I went to the Department of Homeless Services for help. At first, we tried renting a single room but it was hard because we had two small children and no one wanted small kids making noise in their apartment.
7. In April, we were placed in a shelter in the [PLACE], where I still live with our kids.
8. ABC was arrested outside of the shelter on his way to work. He used to leave for work around 5:30 every morning to go to [PLACE], and one day immigration just came and

arrested him. It's scary that one day he was there and the next day he's gone. And it came at the worst time because I was nine months pregnant.

9. ABC was arrested just five days before I gave birth to our second son, B. When I felt myself going into labor, I took my other two kids, got on the bus and brought them to my sister's home. By the time I took the bus and walked there, I was going into labor so she needed to call an ambulance to come get me.
10. I never imagined that I would be at the hospital, giving birth all by myself. ABC was there for the birth of our first son. I know he is devastated that he missed the birth of his second son. I wasn't even allowed to put ABC's name on the birth certificate because he wasn't there. It makes me really sad to think that ABC hasn't met his son, and that our son has never heard his dad's voice.
11. Things have been much harder since ABC was locked up. We depended on his income and his support. Luckily, his sister has been helpful, giving me money for food and metro cards. But it's not the same as having ABC there.
12. Before he was locked up, we were saving money so that we could move into a real apartment and leave the shelter. I put in an application with the [CITY] Housing Authority and am waiting for an interview. Now that he's locked up, he can't earn any money and we can't save to move into an apartment.
13. The shelter we live in is not a good, permanent place. We don't have a kitchen or any way to cook. I can't boil my son's bottles or heat formula for him. We also have to spend money buying food, instead of me being able to cook meals for us. Also, until this week, the room did not have air conditioning. ABC's sister was very generous and bought us a fan, but if she hadn't it would have been impossible to live there.
14. My kids miss ABC very much. My daughter, A, thinks of ABC as her dad. Her own dad isn't around and doesn't provide any financial support. ABC has been helping to support and raise her since we got together.
15. Our one year old son, ABC, misses his dad the most. He was very attached to his dad and he's too young to understand why his dad isn't around anymore. This whole thing is very confusing for him. Sometimes he thinks maybe his dad is just in the bathroom, so he'll go over to the bathroom door and start banging on it and screaming "da da." Other times he'll just point out the window and say "da da" like he's waiting for ABC to come home.

When we're outside, he'll point to random men and say "da da?" and I have to explain that it's not his dad, that his dad is busy but he'll come home soon. But it's really sad because I don't know when he's coming home.

16. I know now that ABC has some arrests from his past. But since I've known him, he's been a good guy, never gotten in any trouble. I don't know why immigration is trying to deport him now, to take him away from his sons.

17. I really need ABC to get out of jail and come home. I need his support and I need someone helping me. I can't even take a nap if I need to. I only have two hands. The shelter requires me to go to a lot of appointments all over the city, but they don't help with transportation. Since ABC got arrested, every time I have an appointment or need to go anywhere, I have to take 3 kids with me, stroller and everything.

18. My kids also need their dad around. There are a lot of fathers out there who have their kids and then they don't want to support them or spend time with them. But ABC wasn't like that. He took care of my kids, did fun things with them, spent time with them.

19. I am begging you to release him from jail and not to deport him. His family desperately needs him here, in the United States.

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Date