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REQUEST FOR PERSONAL REVIEW BY SECRETARY MAJORKAS

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Secretary Alejandro Majorkas
Office of the Executive Secretary
MS 0525 Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
Washington, DC 20528-0525

RE: REQUEST TO REVIEW DENIAL OF HUMANITARIAN PAROLE, FORM I-131, SUBMITTED BY U.S. CITIZEN MR. DENNIS GEIER, FOR HIS WIFE, MS. YIMEI ZHANG, BASED ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL HARDSHIP & URGENT SITUATION INVOLVING MINOR CHILD LIVING IN U.S.

Dear Secretary Majorkas:

As an immigration lawyer for over 30 years, I am respectfully writing to ask for your personal intervention in an exceptional I-131 Humanitarian Parole case that I believe warrants your personal intervention. Please see the attached I-131 denial, dated May 31, 2023.

I represent Mr. Dennis Geier, a 68-year-old U.S. citizen, who suffers from a serious cardiac condition requiring surgery, and who is the stepfather and sole caretaker of a six-year old child, Haoyu ("Mikey") Zhang, a U.S. Permanent Resident living in the U.S.

Dennis is raising Mikey, alone, in the U.S.

Dennis' wife (Mikey's Mom), Ms. Yi Mei Zhang (A216814484) resides in China and is currently barred to enter the U.S.

She was denied a U.S. Spousal Visa in 2019 due to a 2015 drug trafficking conviction in China. Yi Mei credibly claims that she is innocent of the charges, and was forced to confess by local Chinese Police, who were unable or unwilling to locate and prosecute the real perpetrator (Yi Mei's former boyfriend).

Reflecting that sham nature of the proceedings, she was sentenced to a light eight months in prison and fined 1000 RMB. She served a little over three months. Please see attached records.

On June 17, 2022, Dennis, through undersigned counsel, filed the I-131 application for Humanitarian Parole on behalf of his wife (based on urgent medical hardship and need for surgery, based on fear that he would be incapacitated or expire and that Mikey would become a ward of the state, and based on Mikey's need to be raised by his mother). Please see attached.

On May 31, 2023, the Humanitarian Affairs Branch of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services denied Mr. Geier's I-131, stating:

You have failed to establish, by a preponderance of the evidence, urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit reasons that would justify a favorable exercise of discretion to parole the beneficiary into the United States. Furthermore, the derogatory information int eh record is a significant negative factor when considering the totality of the circumstances to exercise discretion. Therefore, your request for parole is denied.

I believe that this decision is made in error.

While your team at HAB has always conducted themselves with the utmost professionalism and have been very communicative with Dennis, I also believe that

they have an incredible deluge of work and perhaps are unable to give each case the detailed review that is required.

Furthermore, I am cognizant of the sensitive nature of this application for parole, which would typically warrant the highest level of review within the Executive Branch.

While I do not minimize the issues involved, I am personally aware of cases where the U.S. Government has granted admission (and even green cards and citizenship) to foreign nationals with much worse convictions than the one presented here.

Additionally, there is credible evidence that the Chinese conviction is based on a sham proceeding involving a coerced conviction. Unfortunately, unlike the U.S., there is no due process nor realistic opportunity to seek reopening of the criminal proceeding.

On behalf of Dennis and Mikey, I would like to personally request that you take a moment to review the attached materials. I believe, upon your review, you will find that Dennis deserves to have his wife in the U.S., that Mikey deserves to be raised in the U.S. by his mother, and that Yi Mei deserves the discretionary grant of humanitarian parole.

We greatly appreciate your kind assistance in this matter.

Please feel free to call me at 216-696-6170 (office), 216-375-0231 (cell), fax me at 216-696-0104; or email me at richardtmherman@gmail.com

Thank you.

Sincepely,

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