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Dear Mr. Vitiello and Mr. Bible,

I respectfully request a grant of parole for Sergio Samuel Salazar-Gonzalez, A207966313, an eighteen-year-old aspiring filmmaker living in San Antonio.

Sergio, or "Mapache," was brought to the United States when he was younger than five years old by his family from Mexico. He has only known this country as his home and apparently has only a single relative in Mexico, who he has not seen since coming here. Sergio recently graduated from Roosevelt High School, and is a filmmaker who submitted a video at last year's CineFestival with the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center. He also won an award for his film work in 2016 and was planning to attend a nearby college to continue his film studies.

Sergio is a Dreamer, who has held a permit to work and study under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. He had recently applied to renew his DACA, and only discovered after he was apprehended by ICE that his renewal was denied that very morning, August 3, 2018.

Two courts have halted attempts to terminate DACA and required that USCIS continue to accept DACA applications from people who have held DACA. With no arrest record or previous history with law enforcement, it is unusual and unclear why his DACA application was denied. His legal counsel did not receive DACA denial notification until after his detention. Sergio was apparently detained and shackled on August 3rd, after walking away from the demonstration in which he had participated.

I am most concerned that Sergio may be the subject of retaliation for his participation in nonviolent protest and other advocacy against what so many of us consider to be unjust Trump Administration dictates.

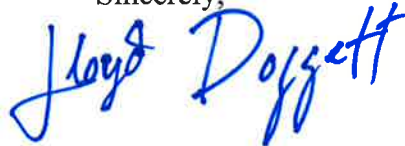
While personally differing with both some of Sergio's political views and some of his methods of expressing them, I vigorously defend his right to engage in nonviolent protest and peaceful expression without being targeted.

Further, it would be wrong if any private information that Sergio had freely provided to the Trump Administration in his DACA applications was used to target him for enforcement, given the March 5, 2018 ruling in *CASA de Maryland v. Trump*, establishing that this information cannot be shared for enforcement purposes. That he was questioned by the FBI while in ICE custody only adds confusion, as the FBI spokeswoman confirmed that she is not aware of any charges against him.

Because the DACA program is still in place, and given the legal constraints on using any information ICE has obtained from Dreamers through their applications, I would ask that he be allowed to pursue his full legal case for renewing his DACA with his family and access to his attorney, not held in detention in Laredo. As DHS noted in the memorandum establishing the DACA program, our immigration laws are not “designed to remove productive young people to countries where they may not have lived or even speak the language.”

I respectfully urge you to release Sergio on parole and to his home in San Antonio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lloyd Doggett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "L" and "D".

Lloyd Doggett