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Dear Honorable Judge Dabney L. Friedrich,

I'm writing on behalf of Luis Hallon

Hello my name is Fallon Owens. I have three children. I'm a Certified Nurses Aide with 20 years experience. Currently working for the same nursing home a little more than six years. We've been residents of Saint Cloud now for eleven years. I lived the next street over from Luis for eight years. In that time I've been a volunteer for my children's school. Attended Saint Cloud Baptist Church. Helped out with Lakefront clean up. I've been a Boy Scout Leader and a Girl Scout leader. One day while selling Girl Scout cookies we met Luis Hallon and family. Our Girls became best friends instantly. May of 2011 Getting ready to start first grade together in the upcoming year. You can safely say we are creatures of our community . Over the next few years our families merged. Spending Holidays together. Celebrating Life and Deaths, Birthdays, Milestones, Graduations, doctor visits, vacations, school pick ups, sleep overs you name it. We are family now.

Last year in June 2022 I became homeless with my three kids due to inflation. Not having any family here but Luis and his family. I had to ask if they would mind. Without any hesitation they said yes. With open arms we moved in and stayed for two months. Luis was a mentor in every sense of the word to my son. Being a single mother I know my son truly appreciated the time and effort he took with him. Luis is a very trusting person. I trust him with my kids entirely. He has taught me so many things. Like how to play pool and win a trophy my first year. Or how to deal with the loss of my mother. He has kids that are grown up. So yes I have gotten lots of parenting tips. I got to witness my friend who is more of a brother to me. Be a present loving father to his children. He's a wonderful husband to my best friend. An uncle to my kids. Luis is a dedicated man to his family and his work. Very Honest and loyal. You never truly know people until you've lived with them. In my time living with them we had crazy things happen, Toilet floods, grocery shopping, school drop off, what's for dinner, it was just life. We also have to work. He works from home from time to time. His peaceful family of four just became eight overnight. He always stayed himself, he never lost his cool. He was always so calm. I can not stress enough how genuinely kind hearted this man is. I met him in 2011 while he was fighting off cancer. He never missed a beat. He's always ready to stop what he's doing to help or be a shoulder to cry on. He's been right there with me during our food drives for girl

scouts. Or school pick ups! Sending our girls to prom was bitter sweet. I can count on him the way you would a big brother. My washer broke. He pulled out the old one and helped hook up the new one. Got my car stuck and called big brother. Found a stray pet, took it home and made it his. He truly has an appreciation for all things in Life, I deal with alot of Life and Death in my profession. Only the ones that have looked death in face have that calm subtlety about them. He's the type of person to give you the shirt off his back. I can't say I have very many friends for more than ten years. Only a handful of people nowadays are who they say they are. I can tell you that Luis Hallon is a wonderful man and a genuine person. He would help a perfect stranger out. Our girls are now learning how to drive and Graduating High School. As soon as we moved out his mother in law moved in. Never skipping a beat and always ready to help. While running their family towing business. They are caregivers now to her. As she is in and out of the hospital as we speak. What awful timing. They are in and out of court. It's been very stressful for all. Still, you see Luis always as pleasant as can be. Doing things with his kids. Going to Church or visiting his mother in law in the hospital. Working at home while cooking dinner. These things would be impossible without him. His father comes to visit often, they have a yard full of chickens. Typically if you can't find Luis at the stove or computer he's out back. He goes for his yearly check up and scans for his cancer. I know he works hard to take care of his health. We know time is always valuable. With the constant worry of cancer and aging parents. Growing children. If I can ask you to have leniency for my brother. To have mercy on his family. These things would be difficult without him. He would be truly missed. His kids would be devastated. I would be devastated, I just want to Thank you Judge Friedrich, for your time and the opportunity. Sincerely,

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