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VIA EMAIL ArlingtonAsylum@uscis.dhs.gov

RE: NAME AND A NUMBER

Request to Expedite Asylum Interview

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find attached our formal request to expedite the scheduling of the asylum interview in this case. The applicant's I-589 has been pending since June 15, 2020 under receipt number ZARXXXXX.

Background on the case

Ms. M is a native and citizen of Ethiopia who is afraid to return there due to her connections to her family and her ethnicity as part Tigrayan. Her family is being targeted for their political beliefs and association with the former ruling party in Ethiopia. [a few more sentences describing the claim.] Ms. M received death threats from old classmates and strangers on social media. In Ethiopia she lives in constant fear of being attacked by either government officials or random people in the street. She is also afraid she could be unjustly imprisoned without cause.

Ms. M explains in her statement that the government has been telling people that her father, Mr. S, and other members of the previous administration are to blame for everything that went wrong in Ethiopia. Ms. M explains that she is being targeted because of who her father is. She also notes that many attacks on members of the prior administration are racially motivated. Her father is of Tigrayan background which is well-known throughout the country and the new prime minister has specifically targeted Tigrayan individuals who served in the prior government. Ms. M is terrified to return to Ethiopia, where she knows that she will be targeted.

Reasons for Expedite

Ms. M has been waiting for her asylum interview to be scheduled for over four years. She has suffered both financial and emotional hardship during the wait for an interview. The financial hardship springs from the fact that Ms. M would like to continue her education in the United States. She enrolled in a master's program at XX University in computer science. However, it has been challenging for her to complete her schooling because school loans are unavailable to her as a



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nonresident. She has had to work overtime to support herself and pay for her schooling. Even working more than five days a week, it was difficult to afford her schooling. She recently had to withdraw from her master's program because of mental health issues and because it became impossible for her to pay for her school. Ms. M requests an expedited interview in the hopes of becoming eligible to complete her schooling.

In addition, the strain of waiting for an interview has placed an incredible strain on Ms. M's mental health and well-being. She comes from a well-known family in Ethiopia and her father is currently in prison on trumped up charges brought as political retribution by the current government there. Ms. M has provided a letter from her therapist, TQ, a licensed clinical social worker. Ms. Q writes that Ms. M "has been exhibiting a large amount of fear, stress, depression and anxiety regarding the status of her plea for Political Asylum." Ms. Q further notes that Ms. M "lives under the cloak of anonymity, in many situations, due to her level of fear. She has extensively discussed this in session and feels trapped, because she is awaiting her hearing for this matter." Ms. M is also fearful of someone recognizing her name. Ms. Q advocates for an expedited hearing for Ms. M, due to the strain that this wait continues to place on her mental health.

Please find attached supporting documents in connection with this request. We ask for your favorable consideration of this expedite request.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you have any questions or concerns regarding this application.

Sincerely,