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Vermont Service Center
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**RE: I-918 Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status
Ms. X**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am representing Ms. X in her I-918 Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status. In support of this application, please find the following documents enclosed:

I-918 Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status

- Form G-28
- Form I-918 Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status (no filing fee required)
- Defendant Trial Summary for Ms. X, showing that a verdict of Nolle Prosequi was entered for Ms. X's criminal charges
- Declaration of Ms. X
- Copy of Ms. X's I-94 Card
- Copy of Ms. X's J-1 Visa
- Ms. X's Application for Statement of Charges Against Mr. X for First Degree Burglary and Disorderly Conduct dated [DATE]
- Statement of Charges Against Mr. X for First Degree Burglary and Disorderly Conduct dated [DATE]
- Arrest Warrant for Mr. X dated [DATE]
- Charges, Case Information, and Docket Information for *State of Maryland v. Mr. X*, [DOCKET #]
- Charge Dispositions for *State of Maryland v. Mr. X*, [DOCKET #]
- Copy of Letter to Ms. X from State's Attorney for County, Maryland regarding the indictment of Mr. X, dated [DATE]
- Copy of Letter to Ms. X from State's Attorney for County, Maryland regarding the sentencing of Mr. X, dated [DATE]

- Form I-918 Supplement B, U Nonimmigrant Status Certification, signed by Ms. Y, of the County State's Attorney's Office, dated [DATE]

Fee Waiver Request

- Request for waiver of biometrics fees:
 - Summary of Ms. X's income and expenses
 - Letter from Shelter, where Ms. X and her son stayed for several months earlier this year
 - Copy of Ms. X's current transitional housing agreement

The above information shows: that Ms. X was a victim of a crime that qualifies for purposes of the U visa (Blackmail and other crimes); she has suffered substantial physical and mental abuse as a result of the crime; she possesses information about the criminal activity; and she has been helpful to law enforcement and the State's Attorney's Office of County, Maryland in the investigation of the crime.

Mr. X is an acquaintance of Ms. X who wanted to have an intimate relationship with Ms. X. Mr. X became obsessed with Ms. X and grew very angry when she resisted his advances. In March of [YEAR], Ms. X returned to her home and found that someone had broken into her house by force and stolen her ID card, work permit papers, and a copy of her passport and social security card. The next day, Ms. X began receiving threatening calls from Mr. X at her workplace. He left threatening messages with her coworkers, telling them, "Whatever she gets, you're going to get!" That evening, Mr. X showed up at Ms. X's apartment and attempted to force his way inside, yelling, "I told you that I was going to get you! Open the door!" The following day, Mr. X continued to make threatening and angry calls to Ms. X at her workplace. He threatened to destroy her by contacting her boss and telling him lies about Ms. X. He also admitted to stealing the documents from Ms. X's house and said he planned to use these documents to destroy her. Ms. X was extremely frightened. She reported Mr. X's crimes to the police and cooperated with them throughout Mr. X's trial.

The State's Attorney's Office charged Mr. X with First Degree Burglary, Third Degree Burglary, Theft under \$500, Harassment, and Telephone Misuse. These crimes can qualify as "related crimes" or "other similar crimes" for purposes of the U visa. Although Mr. X was not charged with blackmail, the circumstances of his crime essentially constitute blackmail (or attempted blackmail) because when Ms. X refused Mr. X's persistent and harassing advances, he broke into her house, stole her documents, and stated that he intended to use them "to destroy" her. He demonstrated his intent to carry through with the intended blackmail by calling her workplace and leaving threatening messages with her coworkers.

Ms. X is providing a Form I-918 Supplement B U Nonimmigrant Status Certification signed by Ms. Y, of the County State's Attorney's Office, certifying that Ms. X cooperated with the State's Attorney's Office and made all requested court appearances. This certification states in Part 3 that Ms. X is a victim of a criminal activity involving, or similar to, the crime of Blackmail.

Kindly process this application.

Respectfully,

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