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Release to:

- organizations and residents of New Bedford
- human rights commissioner
- media (radio, TV, etc.)
- committee of lawyers and community as a whole

We wish you success in the work that you do for our legal rights, and we look to you one more time with all of the anxiety and uncertainty that overwhelms and overpowers us each day.

We call out to the conscience of the whole community and all the institutions of the city of New Bedford: that they may unite as one force with one sentiment of humanitarian support, and help us to get through to the cold heart of the ICE Police so that our freedom can be given back to us in whatever way possible.

We believe that it is no crime to be undocumented and to work honorably, especially when we were doing it for the Armed Forces of the United States. That is why we don't understand why they are postponing our court dates and denying bond to a group that could pay. Another five have deportation orders that were canceled because of demands to immigration. That is why we ask, "Why don't they take us back to New Bedford?"

Please, how much longer will this ordeal go on? Or, does something worse have to happen for people to take pity and free us from this unjust detainment? We are not criminals. We are mothers with children to support, and they are adrift just as we are.

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Please copy this notice and translate it into English so that it can be delivered to the Governor, and to the media and to all of our supporters. Thank you.