



Emergency Medicine Residents' Association

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[Sent individually to Texas Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, and Texas Congresswoman Monica De La Cruz]

Dear Honorable Legislator:

On behalf of the Emergency Medicine Residents' Association (EMRA), we ask for your help in securing the immediate release of emergency medicine resident Dr. Rubeliz Bolivar, who has been detained in South Texas.

EMRA represents 20,000+ emergency medicine physicians-in-training across the United States who are committed to providing lifesaving, frontline care to patients in need. Dr. Bolivar is one of these dedicated professionals. Her work as a resident physician places her at the heart of our healthcare system, where she serves vulnerable populations in the Rio Grande Valley and responds to urgent medical crises with skill and compassion.

Dr. Bolivar is lawfully present in the United States on a valid work permit, and her daughter is a United States citizen. These facts underscore both her compliance with legal requirements and her strong ties to this country. Her continued detention, despite her lawful status, raises serious questions and warrants prompt review.

Her detainment interrupts not only her training but also the essential care she provides. At a time when hospitals nationwide face ongoing workforce challenges, the loss of a committed emergency medicine doctor has tangible consequences for patient care and community health.

Dr. Bolivar poses no threat to public safety and remains deeply committed to her profession and her community. We respectfully urge you to consider alternatives to detention that would allow her to continue her medical training and care for her child while complying fully with any legal requirements.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this urgent matter and stand ready to work with your agencies on solutions. If you have any questions, please contact Pauline Wiltz, DO, at president@emra.org.

Respectfully,

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