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Dear Mr. Moore,

In March 2018, Valquiria (surname withheld), a 39-year-old woman and her seven-year-old son, Abel (pseudonym, real name withheld per Valquiria's request), fled Brazil and requested protection at the US–Mexico border in El Paso, Texas. Valquiria said that she received repeated death threats from drug traffickers who threatened to kill her and her son no matter where they fled to in Brazil. After one night together in detention, on 17 March 2018, US border authorities forcibly separated Valquiria from Abel. On 27 March, a US asylum officer found that Valquiria's story was credible, but on 10 September, Valquiria's asylum claim was rejected. She began the appeal process, still in immigration detention and separated from her child. Valquiria is currently being held in the El Paso Processing Center in El Paso, Texas, USA. She hasn't seen her son since March 2018.

I would like to ask you to grant Valquiria humanitarian parole immediately as she awaits the decision on her asylum claim appeal.

Please also provide psychological support for Valquiria and her son to recover from the trauma experienced from their unlawful family separation.

Sincerely,

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