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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Kanongyang Vue. She is a patient at Open Cities Health Center, where I work as a clinical social worker. Ms. Vue was referred to me by her primary care provider because she presented as depressed and tearful during her medical visit on 11/19/15. I have met with Ms. Vue twice, and during each visit she has been very tearful and expressed symptoms of severe depression. She attributes her symptoms to the legal issue with the vehicle abatement order and reports that she experienced no mental health symptoms prior to the violation.

Through an interpreter, she has explained that is extremely worried about how her family will continue to support themselves financially. She reports that the vehicle in violation belongs to her son, who is a farmer, and uses her home to wash the vegetables before selling them in farmer's markets. Without being able to prepare the vegetables for sale, the son has no other options for earning income for the family. She does not understand why he cannot park his vehicle in her driveway, particularly when she reports owning her home.

Ms. Vue's mental health has been severely affected by this incident. She is extremely confused about why the vehicle is not allowed in the driveway, and furthermore upset that she has no other solutions for her son. She reports feeling very hopeless and depressed, having poor appetite, losing sleep, losing concentration, and not being able to think about anything else. I am writing this letter to encourage the court to work with Ms. Vue and her family in 1) explaining, with the help of an interpreter, why this incident was a violation in the first place, and 2) helping her to find a solution that will ease her concerns. Without this support from the court, she feels discriminated against. Without full understanding of the legal issues, she is not able to comply further in the future.

I have offered Ms. Vue that I can provide mental health counseling for her symptoms. I do believe, however, that her symptoms will resolve once this incident has been resolved as well. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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