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In the state of Connecticut, much has been accomplished since 2012. The CT Department of Corrections has taken important steps to defend the civil rights of the immigrant community and the community in general. In 2013, Governor Malloy signed the TRUST Act, but this TRUST Act was not enough, because we realized that we needed a stronger law, since the existing law did not cover everyone who was being detained or facing court.

For this reason, I am writing to you so that the TRUST Act will be stronger in CT. I'm asking that the court marshals not have the power to call Immigration. I'm asking that probation officers do not call Immigration.

As you very well know, the state of Connecticut is a state that has challenged racism, and we would like it to be an example for the entire country in protecting the people who live in our state.

No to racism and discrimination. Stop the deportations. Not One More Deportation. May there be no more families separated, and no more children without parents. May there be more families reunited, and children with a future and a chance to live.

Sincerely,

An immigrant who is still unequal after 13 years laboring in this country, who is not afraid, and who fights to stop the deportations.

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