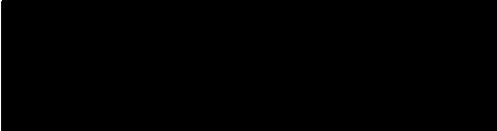


attention. My father also abuses alcohol and the intimidation, threatening, and beatings would worsen when he was intoxicated. Once, one of my siblings found the courage to call the police and report my father's violence. The police came and took him into custody but released him only two days later, after which he resumed his pattern of violence towards me and my siblings.

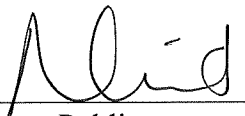
6. In or around April or May 2022, I temporarily moved to my aunt's home to escape my father's violence. I thought I was safe until my father tracked me down and brought me back home by force. Despite witnessing the way that my father abused me, my mother didn't intervene to protect me, I think she was also afraid of him. As a result, my relationship with both my parents has always been turbulent.
7. The abuse became so serious that, in 2022, I made the decision to flee Venezuela and make the long and difficult journey to join my brother, [REDACTED], in the United States.
8. Since coming to the United States over two years ago, I have not received any financial or emotional support from either of my parents. I have had no contact with my father, and limited contact with my mother. Neither parent has ever asked me to return to Venezuela nor have they attempted to visit me in the United States. They have abandoned me.
9. My brother, [REDACTED], has been my only guardian and supportive figure since my arrival in the United States. My brother has provided me with housing and food and safety, as well as general emotional support and guidance on establishing my life in a new country. My brother and I have a close relationship. I rely on [REDACTED] for emotional support, and I regularly seek his advice and guidance. I enjoy the time we spend together.
10. Currently, I maintain a stable life in the United States. The transition was difficult at first as I adjusted to my new environment, but my brother has made the transition easier. I enjoyed school in Venezuela and hope to continue my education in the United States. Overall, I am much happier in the United States than I was in Venezuela. With my brother's encouragement, I have also been able to start a career, having begun working for a cleaning company that works with schools and art galleries around New York.
11. I do not want to return to Venezuela to suffer physical and emotional abuse at the hands of my father. My brother is in touch with some of our relatives in Venezuela who confirm that my father continues to abuse my mother and other siblings as well. I strongly believe my father will find me and resume harming me if I return to Venezuela. Based on his prior actions, I believe he is capable of severely harming or even killing me.
12. Further, I have little to no support or caregiving from either of my parents. If I return to Venezuela, I will also not have the ability to achieve my goal of continuing my education.
13. I am motivated to make the most of my new life here in the United States. I want to study medicine so that I can eventually work in the healthcare sector and help others.

14. I know that my brother will be here to support me and help me realize my dreams. He has supported me since I arrived and is concerned about my care and education. I hope that my brother, [REDACTED] o [REDACTED], can be appointed as my guardian to formalize our relationship in the United States.

Date: September 25, 2024



Sworn to before me this 25th day
of September 2024



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