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U.S. Department of State
 Passport Department

██████████ ██████████ ██████████

Re: ██████████ Passport Application

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Legal Project Assistant at Sanctuary for Families’ Center for Battered Women’s Legal Services. Sanctuary for Families’ primary purpose is the provision of services to survivors of domestic violence.

Sanctuary for Families has identified ██████████ and her daughter, ██████████ ██████████ as being clients at risk due a history of domestic violence perpetrated by ██████████ father, ██████████ ██████████ ended their relationship in ██████████, Mr. ██████████ has repeatedly verbally and emotionally abused her, several times in violation of active orders of protection. In ██████████, Mr. ██████████ pounded on Ms. ██████████’s apartment door while threatening to hurt her and to kill the responding police officers. The police report for that incident is attached here as Exhibit E.

In ██████████ Mr. ██████████ was convicted of two counts of criminal contempt in the first degree, and Ms. ██████████ was granted an eleven-year order of protection against him, attached here as Exhibit A. Mr. ██████████ continued to harass Ms. ██████████ on at least three occasions, demonstrating a general disregard for the law. In ██████████ Mr. ██████████ showed up to Ms. ██████████’s home unannounced and uninvited and began knocking on her apartment door at 5:30 in the morning. He was arrested on the scene for violating the order of protection. The police report for that incident is attached here as Exhibit J.

In ██████████ Ms. ██████████ was granted a twelve-year order of protection against Mr. ██████████ attached here as Exhibit B. Mr. ██████████ violated the order in ██████████ when he followed Ms. ██████████ as she walked home. The police report for that incident is attached here as Exhibit N. Ms. ██████████ has had to make numerous police reports in addition to those detailed above. Eleven police reports from ██████████ to ██████████ are attached here as Exhibits D to N. The ongoing harassment Ms. ██████████ experienced has made her extremely fearful for her own and her daughter’s safety and wellbeing.

In ██████████ Mr. ██████████ was arrested on a charge of criminal contempt in the second degree. Ms. ██████████ was granted a temporary order of protection against him, attached here as Exhibit C, in effect until ██████████ Mr. ██████████ is currently incarcerated and awaiting trial. A copy of his on-line inmate locator page is attached here as Exhibit O.

Ms. ██████████ is unable to obtain Mr. ██████████’s consent for ██████████’s passport because she is fearful for her own and her daughter’s safety and wellbeing, and as such attempting to contact him would put her and her daughter at risk. Due to the history of domestic violence perpetrated by Mr. ██████████ against Ms. ██████████, there are exigent/special circumstances under which Ms. ██████████ cannot obtain Mr. ██████████’s consent.

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Thank you for taking the time to learn the details of this case. Please consider granting an exigent/special family circumstance exception for [REDACTED] application. Should you have further questions, I can be reached at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,


[REDACTED]

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