

Declaration of Antonio Lopez Agustin

I, Antonio Lopez Agustin, declare as follows:

1. My name is Antonio Lopez Agustin. I am a 36-year-old Mexican citizen. I am currently detained at the Richwood Correctional Center in Richwood, Louisiana. I have been detained since August 2019. ICE transferred me to Richwood from Adams County Correctional Facility in Natchez, Mississippi.
2. I have lived in the United States for over twenty years. If I were released I would live with my long-time partner, Hilda Jorge Perez, and our U.S. citizen daughter, Aliza, at 903 S. Van Buren Street, Carthage, Mississippi 39051.
3. I suffer from a heart condition and hypertension, which were both diagnosed while in detention at Richwood.
4. Since being diagnosed with these health issues, I take medication daily to help control my high blood pressure.
5. My blood pressure medication makes me very sleepy day and night, and sometimes ill. Sometimes it causes me to sleep through meals.
6. As a result of my medical conditions, I have been given a special red identification card at Richwood. I understand that this designates me as a person in a high-risk medical category.
7. A little over a month ago, I was sick with a cough and a slight fever. I remember that it started on a Friday. That Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, I asked the guards if I could be seen by a medical professional. Rather than help me, the guards told me that if I kept complaining, I would be put in isolation. Thankfully, a nurse eventually intervened and kept me from being isolated.
8. Now that the coronavirus is growing in the United States, I am very afraid for my safety, health, and life in detention.
9. The detention center does not appear to be taking any special precautions to stop the spread of the virus. While the officers do tell us to wash our hands for twenty seconds, I still have around 60 people in my dorm. Our beds are still close together. We all still share a common bathroom. For meals, we are forced to stand in a line, very close to one another. After every shift, I see new guards coming in with their same clothes and shoes that they wore from home. No one wears masks or gloves.
10. I am afraid that if I am exposed to coronavirus while detained, I will be ignored and again threatened with isolation if I seek help. Given my high-risk medical conditions, I am afraid that I will die alone and in detention, without ever seeing my family again.
11. I have authorized my attorney to sign on my behalf, given the difficulty of arranging visitation and travel in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic. If required to do so, I will

provide a signature when I am able to do so.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amelia S. McGowan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'n'.

Date: 3/28/2020

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Amelia McGowan signing on behalf of Antonio Lopez Agustin