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Via USPS Certified Mail

U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services P.O. Box 805887 Chicago, IL 60680-4120

RE: Garcia Ruiz, Maria Estefany (A123456789)
Form I-360 Petition for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

Dear USCIS Representative:

Our office represents minor Maria Estefany GARCIA RUIZ (A123456789) and file on her behalf an I-360 Petition for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. Since Maria is currently in removal proceedings, we are not filing an I-485 Application for Adjustment of Status at this time.

As the petitioner resides in Sunnyvale, California, we respectfully request that the enclosed petition be sent to the <u>San Jose Field</u> Office for adjudication.

The Immigration Act 1990, as amended by the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, provides for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for unmarried children under the age of 21 who are dependent upon a juvenile court or who have been committed to or placed in the custody of an agency or department of a State or an individual or entity appointed by a State or juvenile court; whose reunification with one or both parents is not viable due to abuse, neglect, abandonment, or a similar basis under State law; and for whom it is not in their best interest to be returned to their country of nationality.

Maria is currently 16 years of age and unmarried. She is under the jurisdiction of the Probate Branch of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara. The state court found that reunification with her parents is not viable due to abuse and neglect. The court further determined that it is not in her best interest to be returned to her country of origin, El Salvador.

In support of this petition, the following items are enclosed:

- 1. Case Summary
- 2. Form G-28
- 3. Form I-360
- 4. Certified Copy of Order Regarding Eligibility for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
- 5. Copy of Birth Certificate with Certified English Translation

If you require any additional information, please contact me at 650-391-0350. Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Helen Beasley