

Field Office Director C.M. Cronen
Immigration Officer Roche
Community Relations Officer Alexia Koplewski
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Boston Field Office
1000 District Avenue
Burlington, MA 01802

June 12, 2017

Dear Field Office Director C.M. Cronen, Community Relations Officer Alexia Koplewski, and Immigration Officer Roche,

We, the representatives of the MIT undergraduate community, strongly urge you to grant Mr. Francisco Rodriguez Guardado (DOB: 09/19/73 and A-Number: 099-665-463) a Stay of Removal.

MIT's mission is to advance knowledge and educate students in science, technology, and other areas of scholarship that will best serve the nation and the world in the 21st century. Mr. Rodriguez directly contributes to this mission by ensuring a clean and safe campus for undergraduates and the MIT community as a whole. For over five years, he has worked as a machine operator custodian in academic buildings and is an important member of our community.

Mr. Rodriguez is a father of two U.S. citizen children, 10-year-old Mellanie and 5-year-old Jessica, with another baby on the way. His family are beloved members of the community of Chelsea, where he has lived for the past 6 years. He is a member of his children's school parent committee, of the community organization Chelsea Collaborative, of the Church Tabernaculo biblico seguidores de Jesus, and a union member of 32BJ SEIU (Service Employees International Union) at MIT. In addition, he runs his own carpet cleaning company. Mr. Rodriguez has no criminal record, pays his taxes, and contributes to his community, church, children's school and workplace.

When Mr. Rodriguez arrived to the country, he applied for asylum in 2007. He was denied asylum in December of 2009, and his appeal was denied in July of 2011. He was later granted prosecutorial discretion and has received a Stay of Removal every year since that time. However this past month, when Francisco applied for a Stay, it was denied. If ICE grants Mr. Rodriguez a Stay of Removal, he can continue to work, take care of his family, and contribute to our community. In addition, next year Mr. Rodriguez's mother, who is a legal permanent resident, will become a citizen. Soon afterwards, a pathway to residency will open for Francisco when his mother files a petition on his behalf.

The Undergraduate Association of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on behalf of all undergraduates, request that you grant Mr. Rodriguez a Stay of Removal so that he can take care of his family, particularly his U.S. citizen young children and elderly legal permanent resident mother, while he waits for his pathway to residency and citizenship to open. For as long as Mr. Rodriguez remains in the United States, we are certain he will continue to be a valuable member of the MIT community.

Sincerely,
The MIT Undergraduate Association