

Sign-on Letter

Stop the deportation of Ivan Nikolov

We the undersigned write to humbly request that you take action to immediately halt the deportation of Ivan Nikolov, A#078-251-095.

In May, Ivan and his mother were picked up in an immigration raid on their home. Ivan was told that in 2002, when he was just 12, he missed a court date at which he was ordered removed from this country. Ivan's mother was deported on Friday, August 6th and Ivan himself is set to be deported any day now.

Ivan immigrated to the United States from Russia when he was just 11 years old, he does not remember much about the journey to America, nor did he even know he was undocumented until he was 15 and asking his parents about getting a drivers permit. Ivan embodies what it means to be an American and it would be a shame to deport him now.

Ivan has been a long-standing resident of Michigan, he has a fiancée who he has been with for over three years, it would be a great loss to his family and his community should he be deported.

Ivan would qualify for the DREAM Act, a narrowly tailored bill making its way through the U.S. Senate (S.729). The bill would allow for undocumented youth, who like Ivan were brought here at a young age, to fix their legal status upon completion of two years of military service or two years of college.

If deported Ivan would not be able to survive in Russia, he barely speaks the language and has very little family there. Ivan dreams of studying film or music. He loves his pets and his many friends in the US. Please take action now to prevent his deportation.

We the undersigned urge you to immediately take action to stop Ivan's deportation:

- United We Dream Network - Washington D.C.
- American Immigration Lawyers Association - Washington D.C.
- America's Voice - Washington D.C.
- First Focus Campaign for Children - Washington D.C.
- Campus Progress - Washington D.C.
- Immigration Legal Resource Center - San Francisco, CA
- OneMichigan - Detroit, MI
- Dreamactivist.org
- DreamActivist Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition
- Immigrant Youth Justice League - Chicago, IL
- Nuestra Voz - Chicago, IL
- VivirLatino.com
- Dream Team Los Angeles - CA
- Immigration Law Student Association
- Arizona Dream Act Coalition - Phoenix, AZ
- Border Action Network - AZ
- Promise Arizona
- Coalicion de Derechos Humanos in Tucson, AZ
- Green Valley and Tucson Samaritans - AZ
- No More Deaths - AZ
- Students Working for Equal Rights - Miami, FL
- Reform Immigration for America - MI
- Trail of Dreams
- Nationalities Service Center - Philadelphia, PA
- CitizenOrange.com
- Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights - Ann Arbor, MI
- First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor - MI
- Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights - GA
- Kentucky Dream Coalition - KY
- Russell Immigration Law Firm - KY