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CC: Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security

Dear Director Price,

We write to urge you to halt the deportation of Amir Ali, who is currently being held at the Florence Detention Center as ICE makes preparations to return him to Pakistan. Amir's wife, Urooj, is a registered nurse who works in an ICU in Southern California, where she has been treating COVID-19 patients since early March.

As colleagues of Urooj and fellow medical practitioners, we are deeply concerned over the impact that his deportation will have on her ability to continue the fight against COVID-19. Urooj is now the sole breadwinner in her family, and she no longer has her husband at home to care for their two young children while she is working difficult shifts in the ICU.

As an essential medical worker, Urooj has put herself in harm's way to serve her community and the country in our shared battle against the pandemic. We owe her a great debt, as we do to all the health responders who are carrying a similar burden. The least that our country can do to thank her is to prevent her family from being torn apart by Amir's unnecessary deportation.

It is within your power to stop this tragedy from taking place. Urooj has said that if Amir is deported she may have to make the difficult decision to join him in Pakistan, despite the fact that she and their children are all U.S. citizens. As a result, our country will lose an essential health worker right as we need her most. This would increase the burden on her colleagues and reduce the quality of care that COVID-19 patients at her hospital are receiving.

We ask you to prevent this injustice from taking place. Please stop Amir from being deported and release him from detention immediately.

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