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Kul:

I hope you are well. My efforts to hold legal aid agencies accountable for unlawfully providing taxpayer funded legal services to undocumented immigrants continues. I have filed several complaints with the LSC Office of the Inspector General in D.C., and have encouraged them to contact you regarding the information that you have uncovered. I hope this is ok. It bothers me that there are low income individuals who are citizens or legally present who desperately need these publicly funded services, and they are being misdirected to individuals who are not legally entitled to them. OIG has been investigating them for a number of years, but they always manage to slip off the hook. I am hoping to change that, and I appreciate your willingness to investigate these issues.

I have a couple of other issues to ask you about.

The attached is an individual who is represented by CRLA using U.S. taxpayer funds. Are you able to verify his status? Is removal interested in taking action against him? We would be pleased to assist in this regard.

Second, what is your agency's policy regarding you appearing as a witness? I have a couple of people who you have verified as undocumented who are trying to get their jobs back by arbitrations or lawsuits, and are trying to recover back pay in those cases. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that undocumented workers are not eligible for back pay, because they were not entitled to hold the jobs in the first place. I am trying to figure out how to prove these individuals are undocumented. I would never want to put you in any uncomfortable situation, so I wanted to ask if you are able to appear as a witness at an arbitration, hearing, or trial. I hope I have not offended you by asking.

As always, I appreciate the work you do and your willingness to cooperate with my efforts to be sure that my clients comply with the law. Please let me know if there is anything further that you need from me.



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