



Seattle Human Rights Commission

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February 29th, 2016

Honorable Judge John C. ODell
Tacoma Immigration Court
1623 East J Street, Suite 3,
Tacoma, Washington 98421

The Seattle Human Rights Commission writes to request that Adam Crapser be released from the Northwest Detention Center. The Commission is extremely concerned that Mr. Crapser is not receiving adequate mental health services and is being unjustly detained. These conditions violate Mr. Crapser's right to humane and dignified treatment as outlined in Article 10 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights¹.

Mr. Crapser was adopted from a Korean orphanage by U.S. citizen parents at age three, relinquished by these parents to the state of Oregon at age nine, and then adopted again by a second set of U.S. citizen parents one year later. Both sets of his adoptive parents and the State of Oregon failed to fulfill their responsibility to naturalize him.

Seattle residents are deeply concerned about the nearly 400,000 deportations per year and the fact that many of those deported have no criminal conviction at all. In 2014, the Seattle City Council and Mayor passed Resolution 31539, calling on the Obama administration to suspend further deportations of people who do not have serious criminal convictions.

The Commission urges that Mr. Crapser's human rights be fully respected, and that Mr. Crapser be immediately released from detention.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue,
The Seattle Human Rights Commission

Margaret Babayan, Co-Chair

Marcel Baugh, Co-Chair

Danielle Wallace, Co-Chair

¹ See International Convention on Civil and Political Rights Article 10:
<https://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/UNTS/Volume%20999/volume-999-I-14668-English.pdf>