

Jesus Lara Lopez has lived in the US for 16 years and is the father and primary caretaker of four U.S. citizen children (Eric, Edwin, Anuar, and Elsiy, ages 6 through 13). A resident of Willard, Ohio, Jesus goes to church at least three times every week, owns his own home, and has broad community support from his neighbors, church pastor, employer, and employment counselor, all of whom took the time to write letters affirming his character for the petition to stay his removal.

Jesus has no criminal record whatsoever and only came to the attention of immigration authorities in 2008 because he was found to be driving without a license. (Ohio was not and is still not one of the twelve states that allows undocumented immigrants to legally drive.) He was ordered removed in 2008, lost his appeal in 2011, but was granted a two-year stay of removal in 2014, which required him to check in annually but also allowed him to obtain a work permit. Jesus checked in in May of this year as required, but this time ICE put an ankle monitor on him and told him he was going to be deported. He was required to buy a one-way ticket back to Mexico and check in again on June 19. His current deportation date is July 18, but Jesus is continuing to fight his deportation in order to stay with and take care of his family.

If ICE refuses to grant Jesus another stay of removal, they will be backtracking on their previous decision to let him stay, providing more evidence that President Trump is deporting mothers and fathers rather than "bad hombres", wasting enforcement resources on a good man who doesn't deserve deportation, as well as separating a father from his family and four children.