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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
4730 Paris Street
Denver, CO 80239

Re: Shaban Wafi and Anwar Altawil

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to inquire about the status of Mr. Shaban Wafi and Mr. Anwar Altawil. We have received a complaint alleging that Mr. Wafi and Mr. Altawil have been in ICE custody since November 1, 2006. It is our understanding that ICE is currently in the process of determining whether Mr. Wafi and Mr. Altawil will be considered for parole. Based upon the information provided to us, we believe that both individuals should be released on parole or under orders of supervision.

According to the information we have received, neither Mr. Wafi nor Mr. Altawil has any criminal history, and both are employed and productive members of the community. We have also been informed that there is no significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future for Mr. Wafi or Mr. Altawil. Taking the above allegations as true, the continued detention of Mr. Wafi and/or Mr. Altawil would not be justified either to ensure their appearance at future immigration proceedings nor for the purpose of protecting the community. Both of these government interests would appear to be amply protected by parole or release under supervision.

For the foregoing reasons, the ACLU of Colorado supports parole or release for Mr. Wafi and Mr. Altawil. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Taylor Pendergrass
Staff Attorney