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To Whom it May Concern,

I write in support of Jamie Pantazi's data analysis work through DREAM Analytics. I have known Jamie since 2019 when, as associate director of the Family Detention Services Team at the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES), I was on the selection committee that hired Jamie to join our team as a data clerk. In that role, and eventually as Director of the program, I worked with Jamie in various data analysis roles.

Jamie's work was integral to the operations and advocacy success of the Family Detention Services team. Through an abolitionist vision, the program provided both direct representation to detained noncitizen families imprisoned by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Karnes City, Texas, and also participated in public advocacy and litigation strategies with the goal of ending family detention. Because the program was essentially the only advocate presence to support detained families at the immigration prison, we operated in a model of universal representation not only to provide legal advocacy and accompaniment to detained families, but also to provide a level of oversight into ICE and immigration court operations at the facility.

With these goals in mind, we recognized the unique data we had access to in terms of demographics of families impacted by detention, length of time those families spent in detention, and adjudication patterns, for example. We designed intake questionnaires to collect this critical data and used it to advocate for the long-term goal of ending the practice of detaining families, and in the short-term, improved conditions of detention.

As a data clerk, Jamie not only participated in our design of data collection tools, but she also played an active role in developing unique tools to enhance the program's ability to quickly pull datasets using an electronic case management system that was not created for this purpose. This capability and Jamie's mastery of our data tools was vital to our program's ability to respond to time-sensitive litigation needs, such as the national *Flores* settlement agreement governing conditions of detention for noncitizen minors in federal custody, the Ms. L v. ICE lawsuit challenging family separation policy, the covid-related *O.M.G v. Wolf* lawsuit, and the *Huisha-Huisha v. Mayorkas* lawsuit against the expulsion of families without due process pursuant to Title 42.

Furthermore, Jamie took the initiative to create daily, weekly, and monthly data reports which collected and analyzed data to support our operations and advocacy. Jamie's reports included data about how many clients had been released, the program's current caseload, upcoming court dates, trends in adjudication, and flagged changes in detention conditions as reported by our clients, which in turn spurred advocacy efforts. Jamie was also integral to

monitoring our case management data to ensure that all individuals who sought our services received counsel and created processes to assist us in triage of urgent cases.

The value Jamie brought to our team cannot be understated. She could be relied on to quickly pull datasets and analyze these reports to respond to urgent needs, and was proactive and meticulous in her monitoring of data to ensure that our operations met the needs of as many families as possible as efficiently as possible. I am thrilled that Jamie pursued a masters' degree to further develop her data analysis skill set and highly recommend her work.

Sincerely,

Andrea Meza