

Lois Gutierrez

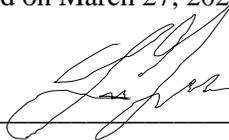
State of Georgia

DECLARATION OF LOIS GUTIERREZ

I, Lois Gutierrez, make this declaration on my personal knowledge and if called to testify, I could and would do so competently as follows:

1. My name is Lois Gutierrez. I am a Helpline Intake Specialist for the Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative (SIFI) of the Southern Poverty Law Center in Atlanta, Georgia. SIFI provides pro bono legal services to immigrants detained at Pine Prairie ICE Processing Center and LaSalle ICE Processing Center in the state of Louisiana, and the Stewart Detention Center, Irwin County Detention Center, and Folkston ICE Processing Center in the state of Georgia. As a Helpline Intake Specialist, we complete questionnaires over the phone for detained individuals seeking free legal services.
2. On March 19th, 2020, a team member spoke to a man detained at the LaSalle ICE Processing Center. The caller stated that he has been coughing blood, that he has blood in his feces and that he feels there is a wound in his throat. The caller also stated that he has had a constant fever but was told by doctors that he does not have the flu and that everything was fine. He also stated that he feels pain in his chest and that it is difficult for him to breathe when sleeping. He stated that there was another person from one of the dorms that was quarantined for 2-3 weeks and were informed that this person had the flu and was no longer being quarantined. The caller also stated that staff at the detention center come in using no protection although there are visible gloves on the shelves.
3. On March 26th, 2020, I spoke to a woman detained at the LaSalle ICE Processing Center. The caller stated she suffers from blood clots in her brain and due to this condition, she suffers from a lot of pain. She stated that it has been two weeks since she requested medical attention and has not been given medication. She stated that on March 25th, 2020, persons detained in another housing unit protested due to rumors of someone being diagnosed with coronavirus. She stated the protesters were teargassed and as a result they all, including her unit, had to be evacuated. She stated that they were able to return to their unit but were not given their normal lunch but rather sandwiches. She stated that guards spoke to her and others about the coronavirus, but they did not provide materials for her and others to disinfect or clean their area. She also stated that in her unit there are 80 people and they all share one toilet because the others are not working. She stated that staff told them they were out of toilet paper. The caller stated that when soap runs out, it is not replaced until the next day. She also stated that she doubts the staff will tell persons detained if someone at the detention center has been diagnosed with coronavirus because it would be inconvenient for them.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on March 27, 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia.



Signature

03/27/2020

Date