Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you very much for giving us a chance to appeal before you make your final decision. It seems to me that, the reason why you were intending to deny my husband's petition, was because you think he is a threat to me and you want to protect me. If that is the case, then, can I say something?

In my understanding, your intent to deny is based on two things:

1. my husband's legal problem
2. the status of our marriage

About the first part, my husband has prepared the materials that you required and given you explanations accordingly in details. Please take a close look at his case. It won’t be very difficult for you to find out that so many things went wrong. As much an ordinary person as I am, I could read it clearly that his charge 2907.323(A)(3) was NOT a sexual oriented offense in 2002. His original case was possessing a computer belonged to his own company, on which there were some illegal pictures, which he didn’t even know about. How could that make him dangerous to anybody? It is not about hurting children, it is about the things that he didn't know! I didn’t even understand those people who created the law, how could they forget to mention that the owner of the computer should be aware of the content to convict the crime? Does it really make any sense to anyone? The person who did get those pictures is still outside in the open air, laughing at your legal system and probably continues doing bad things, while my husband is punished to death! I want to help him in any way that I can. I even wrote several articles to CNN iReport. There were one got the most attention. You can find it attached, as well as the one I wrote recently. The people there were nice to me, but not very objective. They started to blame my husband as a horrible guy as soon as they saw the words “registered sex offender”. They didn’t even notice “wrongly” in front or have the patience or interest to learn his story. PURE HATE to sex offenders! I could picture their face impressions... I was scared by that kind of atmosphere! But I'm glad that in each article, there were also some people took it objectively and said something fair to him. I'm very thankful.

Anyhow, my husband should not be in that catalogue at all! He never gave up straightening his name out! He never gave up defending his dignity! I’m so proud of him! However, it is so sad that nobody actually has paid attention to him. Over 9 years now!! NINE YEARS! Frankly speaking, I’m very disappointed to the legal system in America. He has been punished for a reason that made no sense to me. Furthermore, he has been over-punished in so many ways after that! He tried anyway he could to comply with the authorities on every level, but he is still in touble. In his 39 years of life, except this legal problem, he only had few speeding tickets! His current case related to his legal mess has been hanging there for almost 2 years! Now, his only happiness, which is also my happiness, our VERY HAPPY marriage, is also in danger! Things are going farther and farther in a wrong direction! Enough is enough! I can’t imagine this happening in any country at all, especially in one of the most developed countries in this world, like America!! And since you have to inspect all the details of his case because of my immigration, would you please, please help him to solve his problem? People don't think he is a good person, because they refuse to learn the truth, and don't want to believe or admit that there are some misoperations along the chain of legal system. Facts are here in front of you, would you please, give my poor husband a hand? We are desperate here... We need your help... You are not helping an evil sex offender, you are helping a good American citizen to gain his life back! You are helping a lovely Chinese bride in her simple pursuit of happiness!

About the second part that you are concerned of, I could tell you very proudly that, this is absolutely a happy marriage! Our love can't be more real and we are taking very good care of each other.

I’m a 31-year-old woman. I’m well educated. I have Bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Engineering. I had great experience in my career. For details you could check the forms that I filled in for immigration. I've started a professional job as medical assistant in a local dermatology clinic here in North Carolina. I’m intelligent and mature enough to know what I'm doing, what kind of person my husband is and what was and is going on with him. He told me his struggles at the very beginning of our relationship. And I got to learn more and more later. I didn’t think his case would change who he is. So I decided to be with him anyway. Time flies, it has been three years! I’m happy that I wasn't swayed by other voices and actually made it this far. He is really a decent person without even trying. I'm the wife, I know better. If anyone thinks he/she could scare me away from my beloved husband by saying or doing horrible things, they are wrong! Our souls are together, nothing could separate us!

We are nobody and our love is also as normal as others'. No, actually, our love is more pure than others'. Because we didn't consider the things that are important to other people, such as money, house, cars, power, reputation... We just want to be together, taking good care of each other, having our own little family, welcoming every sunrise and sunset by holding each other, raising our kids and watching them grow... I don’t see anything wrong with our love. I know, your purpose is to protect me, but from what and whom? From the punishment that he doesn't deserve? From such a great husband?! If you give me a chance to talk with you, you will know that I'm not that kind of person who would keep silence after being mistreated. If I'm happy, you'll tell. If I'm not, nobody could force me to continue doing it! I'm a very much independent woman! If you do want to protect me, would you please protect our happy marriage and rescue my husband from his legal mess?

From the day we received your "Notice of intent to deny", literally, we are counting down our happiness... We cherish every meal, every morning that we could wake up to each other. I had a break from work for 10 days. We drove to Colorado to see his daughter, because too short on money to fly. We covered 4,144 miles and 15 states! That was my first time to meet her in person. We don't know whether it would be my first and last chance to meet her. We just did it! We are trying to make everyday count, feeling like finishing our wish list before we die. Isn't it sad? There is no problem in our relationship, we are just two souls deeply in love with each other. We want nothing but to be together! We really went through a lot, I mean, REALLY A LOT to come to this far! Moving to America was a big step for me. I brought all the courage that I could gather. Regardless his pending felonies, I proved my faith in this man by marrying him. I was ready for the worst, which I thought he would be in jail and I had to keep fighting for his case while making a living on my own. However, your offer is even worse than that! At least in my prediction, I could still be in America, we could still see each other as often as we can. Now, you want to "protect" me by separating us? Sending me to the opposite side of the globe? How many love stories are as tragic as ours? Romeo and Juliet? Look back what we've been through, wasn't it enough? Please don't take our happiness away... We'll appreciate that a lot!

America is known as the land of the free. I gather that as a country full of love, care, forgiveness, justice, appreciation of the beauty of everything. That is the country that my husband still has faith in, otherwise he won't have been fighting for this long! America should not be a country ruled by HATE. If you are denying this petition to protect me, you are not doing something that I need. If you are doing this to punish my husband some more on top of what he has suffered, it is too mean! So basically, I don't understand your motive at all. I'm willing to hold his hand through all the difficulties, cherishing every little detail happens in our life, making our dreams come true, for the rest of my life! I want to keep my vow that I made in front of the pastor at our wedding! Please help me to keep my word!

Thank you very much again for your time. I'm holding breath and crossing my fingers and toes and hair, waiting for your final decision. Hopefully, it would be good news.

Best Regards,

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