

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0303**

September 4, 2025

Acting Director Todd Lyons  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
500 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20536

Acting Director Lyons:

I write with grave concern regarding my constituent, Arbella “Yari” Rodriguez Marquez, a legal U.S. resident suffering from cancer who is currently detained in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody at the facility in Eloy, Arizona. The circumstances of her case and the rapid deterioration of her health are unacceptable and require immediate attention.

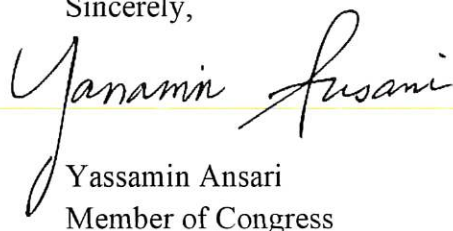
Yari has lived in the United States for 25 years, was a lawful permanent resident for two years, and has no criminal record - not even a traffic violation. While the original violations she was charged with were dismissed, she was nevertheless stripped of her residency and now faces indefinite detention as she now seeks asylum; deporting her would risk her life as both a cancer patient and a member of the LGBTQ+ community. Prolonging her detention under these circumstances raises urgent concerns about due process and the humane treatment of individuals in ICE custody.

Most urgently, Yari is in a critical medical condition. She has chronic lymphocytic leukemia, diagnosed in 2013, and in just six months of detention has lost over 60 pounds. When I met with her on August 30, 2025, in Eloy, I saw a woman who was physically weakened, struggling to walk, and visibly unwell. Her legs were swollen and discolored, she reported vomiting blood, and she described severe fatigue and dizziness. The medical care she has received – sporadic vitamins, Tylenol, and ulcer medication – does not begin to meet the standard of care required for her condition. Failing to provide adequate treatment for a detainee with a life-threatening illness is not only inhumane, it is negligent and reckless.

I am requesting a full and immediate update on Yari’s medical care, the steps ICE is taking to address her condition, and the justification for her continued detention given her health and legal circumstances. Furthermore, I urge ICE to use its discretion to allow Yari to visit an oncologist. Her life depends on access to proper medical treatment outside of detention.

I expect a prompt response within 7 days outlining ICE's actions on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Yassamin Ansari". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "Y" and "A".

Yassamin Ansari  
Member of Congress