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To whom it may concern,

I have decided to write this letter as somebody with experience of the immigration system.

I am a survivor of Human Trafficking and I have been going through the immigration process for 6 years, and it has been really hard and challenging for myself and all the other people that come under these circumstances. I would like to add to this that I have faced a series of traumatic experiences and I am still unable to recover from this, as being in a position where I do not know what the future holds increases my anxiety and my other mental health issues.

I would really like to highlight that I am really grateful for all the care and support this country has given me, however it is really stressful, upsetting and nerve wracking to be trapped without knowing whether I have a future in this country. Like many people going through this immigration system, returning to my country of birth is not an option for me, so being granted leave to remain in the UK is my only hope for safety.

I have always wanted to give back to the community. I have undertaken countless volunteering work within the government system. Even despite all my efforts, I still haven't got the right to work and I am not able to contribute to the economy.

This pandemic has shown us how much we need each other and how important our key workers are. Many of these key worker roles are being filled by immigrants and there are many more like myself who would step up to fill the future roles.

We believe that the economy is going to face a massive pressure and due to this we should consider **granting leave** to everyone under the immigration system for the simple, straight forward facts:

- 1) We need as many people possible in this country to work and contribute by paying taxes and participating in the economy.

- 2) The latest figures show that the government is spending millions of pounds to support immigrants that haven't got leave to remain in this country, but have nowhere else to go. They are supporting people with accommodation, subsistence and for all the support we have to access due to the deteriorating mental and physical health issues we are facing as a result of the immigration process.
- 3) This pandemic has also shown us, that we are facing many challenges on a global level, and the UK has to step up as a world leader. This starts by accepting everyone who lives in this country as a part of the UK society.

We, as immigrants, want to face future challenges with our communities and fight for a better country and a better world.

In the name of all the immigrants, I would kindly ask you to consider my letter and all the points I have written above to grant leave to all the immigrants that live here.

Thank you for your time.

Anonymous.