AO 242 (Rev. 09/17) Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

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Mao-Sheng Lin

Petitioner

v.

Warden, Orange County Jail

Respondent
(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

Case No. 25-1788-TDC
(Supplied by Clerk of Court)

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241

Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: Mao-Sheng Lin
   (b) Other names you have used: N/A
2. Place of confinement:
   (a) Name of institution: Orange County Correctional Facility
   (b) Address: 110 Wells Farm Road, Goshen, NY 10924
   (c) Your identification number: (A#) [redacted]
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
   ☑ Federal authorities ☐ State authorities ☐ Other - explain:
4. Are you currently:
   ☐ A pretrial detainee (waiting for trial on criminal charges)
   ☐ Serving a sentence (incarceration, parole, probation, etc.) after having been convicted of a crime
   If you are currently serving a sentence, provide:
   (a) Name and location of court that sentenced you:
   (b) Docket number of criminal case:
   (c) Date of sentencing:
   ☑ Being held on an immigration charge
   ☐ Other *(explain)*:

Decision or Action You Are Challenging

5. What are you challenging in this petition:
   ☐ How your sentence is being carried out, calculated, or credited by prison or parole authorities (for example, revocation or calculation of good time credits)

☐ Pretrial detention
☑ Immigration detention
☐ Detainer
☐ The validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed (for example, sentence beyond the statutory maximum or improperly calculated under the sentencing guidelines)
☐ Disciplinary proceedings
☐ Other *(explain)*:

6. Provide more information about the decision or action you are challenging:

(a) Name and location of the agency or court: U.S Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), New York Field Office, 201 Varick Street, Room #21219, New York, NY 10014.

(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: (A#) [redacted]

(c) Decision or action you are challenging *(for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed)*:
I am being held in ICE custody beyond the 90-day statutory removal period. In this case, my supervision was revoked without notice or hearing, which violates my right to due process and rendering my detention unlawful. Removal to my country is impossible due to non-removability, as my home country refuses to accept my return.

(d) Date of the decision or action: 1st Date: 12/2018-03/2019 2nd Date: 06/2025-Current

Your Earlier Challenges of the Decision or Action

7. **First appeal**

Did you appeal the decision, file a grievance, or seek an administrative remedy?

☐ Yes ☑ No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court:

(2) Date of filing:

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number:

(4) Result:

(5) Date of result:

(6) Issues raised:

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not appeal: No appeal was available. ICE custody determinations after a final order of removal are not subjected to further administrative review.

8. **Second appeal**

After the first appeal, did you file a second appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

☐ Yes ☑ No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court:

(2) Date of filing:

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number:

(4) Result:

(5) Date of result:

(6) Issues raised:

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a second appeal: No second appeal was available. ICE custody determinations after a final order of removal are not subjected to further administrative review.

9. **Third appeal**

After the second appeal, did you file a third appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

☐ Yes ☑ No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court:

(2) Date of filing:

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number:

(4) Result:

(5) Date of result:

(6) Issues raised:

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a third appeal: No third appeal was available. ICE custody of removal are not subject to multiple levels of administrative appeal.

10. **Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255**

In this petition, are you challenging the validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," answer the following:

(a) Have you already filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 that challenged this conviction or sentence?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court:

(2) Case number:

(3) Date of filing:

(4) Result:

(5) Date of result:

(6) Issues raised:

(b) Have you ever filed a motion in a United States Court of Appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), seeking permission to file a second or successive Section 2255 motion to challenge this conviction or sentence?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court:

(2) Case number:

(3) Date of filing:

(4) Result:

(5) Date of result:

(6) Issues raised:

(c) Explain why the remedy under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is inadequate or ineffective to challenge your conviction or sentence: I am solely being with-held in immigration detention under the authority of the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Since Section 2255 does not apply to immigration custody, it is inadequate and ineffective to address the unlawful prolonged detention at issue.

11. **Appeals of immigration proceedings**

Does this case concern immigration proceedings?

☑ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Date you were taken into immigration custody: June 2025

(b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: August/ September 2025

(c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Date of filing:

(2) Case number:

(3) Result:

(4) Date of result:

(5) Issues raised:

(d) Did you appeal the decision to the United States Court of Appeals?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court:

(2) Date of filing:

(3) Case number:

(4) Result:

(5) Date of result:

(6) Issues raised:

12. **Other appeals**

Other than the appeals you listed above, have you filed any other petition, application, or motion about the issues raised in this petition?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Kind of petition, motion, or application:

(b) Name of the authority, agency, or court:

(c) Date of filing:

(d) Docket number, case number, or opinion number:

(e) Result:

(f) Date of result:

(g) Issues raised:

Grounds for Your Challenge in This Petition

13. State every ground (reason) that supports your claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground. Any legal arguments must be submitted in a separate memorandum.

GROUND ONE: The continued detention by ICE violates 8 U.S.C s 1231 (a)(6) as interpreted by Zadvydas v. Davis, 533 U.S 678 (2001). Under this, ICE may not detain any individual beyond six months after a final order of removal when there is no significant likelihood of removal.

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

Final removal order issued Febuary 26, 2004.

1. Detained by ICE Dec 2018-March 2019, then released under supervision because deportation was impossible.
2. Country of removal has consistently refused to issue travel documentation
3. Strong Family ties and community support.
4. Procrastination in my "removal" process

(b) Did you present Ground One in all appeals that were available to you?

☑ Yes ☐ No

GROUND TWO: My continued detention violated principles of fairness and due process because it places an extreme burden on my lawful permanent resident wife and two U.S citizen children. Courts have recognized that prolonged detention must be balanced against individual liberty and family hardship.

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

1. I have a lawful permanent wife who is a resident and two U.S citizen children.
2. My household relies on me for both financial and emotional support in which is now a struggle with my absence
3. I own a home in Middletown, NY, which provides stability for my family but my detention puts this at high risk.
4. I operate a small business and pay taxes that help provide for my family and community.
5. I have complied with all ICE requirements and I am not a threat to my community.

(b) Did you present Ground Two in all appeals that were available to you?

☑ Yes ☐ No

GROUND THREE: My continued detention has become indefinite and punitive in nature, violating the Due Process Clasue of the Constitution. I have proven for years I am no longer a risk to the community as keeping being locked up is excessive and unnecessary.

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

1. From March 2019-June 2025, I've complied with every supervision check-in.
2. I have never been arrested or charged with any crimes since my last release.
3. I am again, a homeowner, a business owner and I support my family .
4. Community members, relatives and church leaders have provided appreciation letters.

(b) Did you present Ground Three in all appeals that were available to you?

☑ Yes ☐ No

GROUND FOUR: My detention is harmful to my phsycial and mental health.

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

1. Jail conditions are overwhelming and unhealthy.
2. I experience severe anxiety and health concerns as this facility is known for being unsanitary and abusive.
3. My family is suffering emotionally.
4. I could continue to report to ICE and live under supervision without being detained in jail.

(b) Did you present Ground Four in all appeals that were available to you?

☑ Yes ☐ No

14. If there are any grounds that you did not present in all appeals that were available to you, explain why you did not: N/A

Request for Relief

15. State exactly what you want the court to do: I respectfully ask the Court to issue a writ of habeas corpus ordering my immediate release from ICE custody. I request that I be placed back under an Order of Supervision, or any other reasonable conditions the Court finds appropriate, so that I can return to my wife and my two children, who are U.S citizens, in order to continue supporting my family, and remain compliant with ICE requirements.

Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

If you are incarcerated, on what date did you place this petition in the prison mail system:

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the petitioner, I have read this petition or had it read to me, and the information in this petition is true and correct. I understand that a false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution for perjury.

Date: 10.28.25

Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any

Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations
Field Office New York City
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
26 Federal Plaza, Suite 1105
New York, N.Y. 10278

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Mao-Sheng Lin
C/O Orange County Jail
110 Wells Farm Road
Goshen, NY 10924

09/13/2025
[redacted]

Decision to Continue Detention

This letter is to inform you that your custody status has been reviewed, and it has been determined that you will not be released from the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at this time. This decision has been made based on a review of your file and upon review of the factors for consideration set forth at 8 C.F.R. § 241.4(e), (f), and (g).

As explained below, after such review, ICE has determined to maintain your custody because you have not demonstrated that, if released, you will not pose a danger to the community or to the safety of other persons.

ICE has made such determination based upon a review of your immigration history which reveals that on an unknown date and at an unknown location, you illegally entered the United States without admission or parole by an immigration official. On July 3, 1993, you filed a Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal with legacy U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS). On June 2, 2000, after being interviewed by an Asylum Officer, INS issued an assessment that deemed your claim not credible. On June 13, 2000, a Supervisory Asylum Officer issued you a Form I-862, Notice to Appear (NTA), pursuant to Section 212(a)(6)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as an alien present in the United States without being admitted or paroled. On November 18, 2002, an Immigration Judge in Houston, TX ordered you removed from the United States to China. On December 18, 2002, you filed a case appeal of the IJ's decision with the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). On February 26, 2004, the BIA dismissed your case appeal. On December 10, 2018, ERO Buffalo arrested you upon release from the New York State Department of Corrections Attica Correctional Facility pursuant to an outstanding removal order and a Form I-200, Warrant of Arrest. On March 22, 2019, ERO Buffalo released you from ICE Custody pursuant to a Form I-220B, Order of Supervision (OSUP). On June 18, 2025, ERO NYC arrested you while reporting to 26 Federal Plaza pending your removal from the U.S.

In addition, a review of your criminal history indicates that on February 1, 2005, the Tompkins

County Court convicted you of felony kidnapping:with intent to collect ransom and sentenced you to a term of 15 years to life incarceration, a $2,000 fine, an order of protection and post release supervision.

Based on the above, you are to remain in ICE custody pending the outcome of your removal proceedings and or removal from the United States, as ICE is unable to conclude that the factors set forth at 8 C.F.R. § 241.4(e) have been satisfied. You are advised that you must demonstrate that you are making reasonable efforts to comply with the order of removal and that you are cooperating with ICE's efforts to remove you by taking whatever actions ICE requests to affect your removal. You are also advised that any willful failure or refusal on your part to make timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary for your departure, or any conspiracy or actions to prevent your removal or obstruct the issuance of a travel document, may subject you to criminal prosecution under 8 U.S.C. § 1253(a).

If you have not been released or removed from the United States at the expiration of the three-month period after this 90-day review, jurisdiction of the custody decision in your case will be transferred to the ICE Headquarters (ERO Removal Division), Potomac Center North, 500 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20536. The ERO Removal Division will thereafter conduct a custody review and will make a determination regarding whether you will continue to be detained pending removal or may be released

To assist in the ERO Removal Division custody review, you will be afforded a personal interview. You and your representative who has filed a Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance, if any, will be notified of the date and time of the interview approximately 30 days prior to the scheduled interview date. This interview may be in person or through a video teleconference. If ERO needs to change the date of the interview, ERO will provide notice to you and your representative who has filed a Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance, if any.

You may be accompanied during the interview by a person of your choice, subject to security requirements at the detention facility, as long as this person is able to attend the interview at the scheduled time.

You may submit any additional documentation in English you wish to be considered in support of your release at the time of the interview or via mail service up to five business days prior to the scheduled time of your interview to the following address:

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Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
500 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20536

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

[redacted]

LIN, Mao-Sheng
C/O Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Buffalo Field Office

Release Notification

Upon review of your case, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has concluded that you will be released from ICE custody pending your removal from the United States. This release does not affect your removal order and does not constitute an admission to the United States.

Your release will be subject to certain written conditions that will be provided to you shortly on the Order of Supervision and Addendum to the Order of Supervision forms, and by which you must abide. You may be required to participate in an Alternatives to Detention (ATD) Program which may include the use of Active/Passive GPS monitoring, monthly reporting and telephonic reporting.

A violation of one of these conditions, or of any local, state or federal law may result in you being taken back into custody and any bond that you may have posted being forfeited. Your release from custody is also conditioned upon you maintaining proper behavior while sponsorship and placement efforts for you are being undertaken. At any time, you may be taken back into ICE custody should your removal become practicable.

Prior to your release from custody, an immigration officer may verify the sponsorship or employment offers presented during your review. Please forward any additional information regarding potential sponsoring family members or non-governmental organizations that may be willing to assist you upon release.

It is particularly important that you keep ICE advised of your address at all times. ICE will continue to make efforts to obtain your travel document that will allow the United States government to carry out your removal pursuant to your order of deportation, exclusion, or removal. In addition, you are required by law to continue to make good faith efforts to secure a travel document on your own and provide proof of your efforts to ICE.

Nicole D. Wright
HQ RIO Unit Chief

3-20-19
Date

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
201 Varick Street, Room # 1219

New York, New York 10014

Officer: Mascia

Re: Request for Release from ICE Detention – Mao-Sheng Lin [redacted]

Dear Officer:

My name is Mao-Sheng Lin, and I am respectfully requesting your consideration for my release from ICE detention. I have been detained by ICE since June 18, 2025, after being taken into custody during my scheduled reporting pursuant to my conditions of supervised release.

By way of background, I was initially detained by ICE on December 15, 2018, and subsequently placed on supervised release as of March 21, 2019, because ICE was unable to deport me at that time. Since my release in 2019, I have complied fully with all reporting requirements, attending every appointment on time and maintaining open communication with my assigned officer.

I believe I am fully eligible for release based on the following:

Stable Sponsorship – I live with my wife, a lawful permanent resident of the United States. WE have two children together, both of whom are U.S. citizens.

Employment and Self-Sufficiency – I am employed and operate a small business, enabling me to support myself and my family without public assistance.

No Significant Likelihood of Removal – ICE was unable to remove me in 2018/2019, and there remains no significant likelihood of removal in the foreseeable future.

No Danger to the Community – During my supervised release, I have maintained a clean record, without any arrests or even traffic infractions, and have continued to work, pay taxes, and contribute to my community.

Full Compliance – I have adhered to all conditions of my release without any violations.

Humanitarian and Practical Considerations – Continued supervised release is a more reasonable and beneficial alternative in my case, allowing me to support my family, maintain stability, and remain in compliance, rather than being held in detention.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that I be released back to supervised release status. I am committed to continuing my compliance with all conditions set forth by ICE and to working closely with my supervising officer.

Thank you for your time, understanding, and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Mao-Sheng Lin
Orange County NY- County Jail

Wai Y. Ng
[redacted]

August 24, 2025

Re: Petition for Release of Mao Sheng Lin

US Department of Homeland Security
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
201 Varick Street, Rm #1219
New York, NY 10014

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Wai Y. Ng, and I am a member of the [redacted] Christian Church in [redacted] I also serve in the prison ministry of [redacted] in [redacted] Through this ministry, I came to know Mao Sheng Lin during his time at Green Haven and Fishkill Correctional Facilities. Over the years, I have seen him grow and change for the better.

Mao Sheng is a hardworking and responsible man. While incarcerated, he took many courses to improve himself and earned several certificates. When he was released in March 2019, I had the chance to meet his children that June. I will never forget how heartbreaking it was to hear his son say he hardly knew his father, since Mao Sheng had been away since he was just a baby. Since his release, Mao Sheng has been reunited with his family, and they have been so happy to finally be together again. I cannot imagine the pain and emotional harm it would cause them if they were forced apart once more.

I sincerely ask that you show compassion in reviewing Mao Sheng's case. He has already paid the price for past mistakes, and now he deserves the chance to continue being with his family. I believe he will remain a loving father, a supportive husband, and a responsible member of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Wai Y. Ng

Wai Y. Ng

Qiu Ying Li
[redacted]

August 15, 2025

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Attn: Officer Mascia
201 Varick Street, Room #1219
New York, NY 10014

Re: Request for Release of Mao-Sheng Lin [redacted]

Dear Officer Mascia,

I respectfully submit this request for the immediate release of my husband, **Mao-Sheng Lin**, who has been detained by ICE since **June 18, 2025**, following his scheduled check-in under supervised release.

Mr. Lin was initially detained in December 2018 and released on supervised release in March 2019 after ICE was unable to effectuate his removal. For over six years, he has fully complied with all reporting requirements, maintained a stable home with me and our family, and contributed to the community without incident.

Pursuant to *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001), where removal is not reasonably foreseeable, continued detention is not authorized under 8 U.S.C. § 1231(a)(6). The circumstances surrounding Mr. Lin's case clearly demonstrate that there is no significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future, as ICE was unable to remove him previously despite good-faith efforts.

Reasons Supporting His Release:

- **Strong Family and Community Ties** – Mr. Lin resides with me, a lawful permanent resident. We have two adult children who are U.S. citizens, both capable of providing

additional support. He has an extensive network of friends and family who stand ready to vouch for and assist him.

- **Stable Employment and Self-Sufficiency** – He owns a small business and has been gainfully employed, enabling him to fully support himself and his family without public assistance.
- **No Risk to the Community** – He has no criminal record since his release, not even a traffic ticket, and has consistently paid taxes.
- **History of Full Compliance** – He has never missed a check-in, has adhered to all conditions of release, and has demonstrated reliability and responsibility.
- **Community Support** – Attached is a petition signed by friends, co-workers, and community members attesting to his good character and contributions.
- **No Foreseeable Removal** – ICE was unable to remove him in 2018–2019, and the same obstacles remain today, making prolonged detention unnecessary and legally questionable.

We respectfully request his immediate release under an Order of Supervision or other appropriate terms. Continued detention causes unnecessary hardship to our family and is inconsistent with both legal precedent and humanitarian considerations.

Thank you for your time and attention to this urgent matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional documentation or clarification.

Sincerely,



Qiu Ying Li

Qiu R Li
[redacted]

July 10, 2025

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
201 Varick Street, Room #1219
New York, New York 10014

RE: Petition for Release of Mao Sheng Lin

To Whom It May Concern:

May name is Qiu Li, and I am writing this letter on behalf of my cousin, Mao Sheng Lin, who is currently in immigration custody. I have known Mao my entire life, and he is much more than just a family member to me, he is someone I have always admired for his strength, positive energy and incredible spirit.

Mao has lived and worked in the United States prior to his detention and has always taken his responsibilities seriously. He has consistently maintained a work permit in the United States, paid his taxes, and contributed meaningfully to the community.

To say that we miss him would be an understatement. Mao has always been the light of every family fathering, the one who brings people together with laughter, stories, and unwavering generosity. He is full of life and positive energy, always there first to offer help when someone is in need. He doesn't just show up, he lifts people up.

We are devasted to see him separated from his family. I understand there may be factors beyond our control, but I also believe in second chances and in the power of compassion. Mao has already faced the consequences of past mistakes. He has grown, matured, and shown through his actions that he wants to do right by his family, by this country, and by everyone who knows him.

I respectfully ask for your consideration and compassion in reviewing Mao's situation. He deserves to be with his family, to continue providing for his children, and to live a life rooted in stability and hope. His return home would mean everything to us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Qiu R Li

Erica Marsh
[redacted]

August 25, 2025

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to formally request the immediate release of Mr. Mao Sheng Lin, who is currently detained by immigration authorities in Goshen, New York.

I have known and been fortunate to call Mr. Lin a friend for five years. During this time, he has always acted with integrity. He has a sense of responsibility not only to his business, but his family, friends and the community.

His detention has caused considerable hardship for his family, business and friends. I believe his immediate release is just. This will not only allow his family to remain together but continue to allow Mr. Lin to be a positive contributor to society.

I am available for any further information that may be helpful for your review of this case.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Erica Marsh

Maria Weissman
[redacted]

July 9th, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

As the widow of a Sergeant and a devoted member of my church, I am writing to urgently advocate for the immediate release of my dear friend, Mao Sheng Lin, who is currently being held by immigration authorities.

For over the past five years, I have had the distinct pleasure of knowing Mao Sheng. His character is beyond reproach; he embodies integrity, unwavering moral strength, and a deep commitment to his family and community. He is a loving husband and devoted father, consistently demonstrating responsibility and a profound concern for the well-being of those around him. His absence has created a devastating void in the lives of his loved ones and those fortunate enough to call him a friend.

Mao Sheng's positive impact on our community is undeniable.
His profound respect for the United States is evident in his unwavering dedication to becoming a productive and contributing member of society. The possibility of his deportation represents a significant loss not only to his family but to the entire community that has benefited so greatly from his presence.

Allowing his immediate release, would be a just and compassionate decision that would strengthen our community and allow his family to remain intact. Please feel free to contact me for any additional information you may need.

Sincerely,

Maria Weissman

Jamaine Caughman

[redacted]

09/07/25

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Attn: Immigration Officer

Re: Character Reference for Maosheng Lin

Dear Immigration Officer,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my friend, Maosheng Lin, whom I have had the privilege of knowing for the past four years. In this time, I have come to know him as a kind, hardworking, and trustworthy individual who has shown great dedication to building a positive life in the United States.

Maosheng has always carried himself with integrity and respect for others. Whether it is supporting friends and neighbors, working diligently, or contributing to the community he has demonstrated responsibility, compassion, and a strong moral character.

The thought of Maosheng being deported is deeply troubling. It would cause hardship not only to him but also to the many people, myself included, who value and rely on his presence. He has built meaningful relationships and is someone who brings stability and encouragement to those around him.

I respectfully ask that you consider Maosheng's good character, his contributions, and the impact his removal would have on the people who depend on him. I truly believe he deserves the opportunity to continue contributing positively to our community.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Jamaine Caughman

Jamaine Caughman Local 40 NYC Ironworker member.

Letoya Mason

[redacted]

09/05/25

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Attn: Immigration Officer

Re: Character Reference for Mr. Maosheng Lin

Dear Immigration Officer,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my close friend, Mr. Maosheng Lin, who is currently in deportation proceedings. I have known Mr. Lin for over five years, and during this time I have come to know him as an honest, responsible, and compassionate person who has become an important part of my life and our community.

Mr. Lin is a person of integrity and strong moral character. He has always been willing to lend support to friends, neighbors, and anyone in need. His kindness, hard work, and respect for others have earned him the admiration of many. He has established strong ties here and contributes positively to those around him.

I am deeply concerned about the possibility of Mr. Lin being removed from the United States. His absence would cause great hardship to his friends, family, and community, all of whom value his presence and support. He has built a life here that reflects his dedication to being a productive and respected member of society.

I respectfully request that you take into consideration Mr. Lin's good character, his contributions to our community, and the significant impact his deportation would have on those who rely on him.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration.

Respectfully,

Letoya Mason

Letoya Mason

Licensed Realtor, Local 79 Member

Michele Weissman
[redacted]

July 9th, 2025

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to respectfully request the immediate release of my close friend, Mr. Mao Sheng Lin, who is currently being held by immigration authorities. I have known Mr. Lin for the past five years and can attest to his exceptional character and unwavering commitment to his family and community.

Throughout our friendship, Mr. Lin has consistently demonstrated integrity, moral strength, and a profound sense of responsibility. He is a devoted husband and father, deeply committed to the well-being of his loved ones. His detention has caused significant hardship and distress to his family and friends.

Mr. Lin's positive contributions to our community are substantial and readily apparent. His dedication to becoming a productive member of American society is undeniable. His deportation would represent a considerable loss, not only to his immediate family but also to the broader community that has benefited from his presence.

We believe that his immediate release would be a just and humane resolution, allowing his family to remain united and our community to retain a valued member. We are confident that Mr. Lin poses no threat to public safety and would continue to contribute positively to society if released.

I am available to provide any further information that may be helpful to your review of this case. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michele Weissman

Michele Weissman
NYS Licensed Real Estate Salesperson
[redacted]

Dear Officer:

My name is Christina Dowe, and I am writing this letter in support of Mao Sheng Lin, who is currently in immigration detention. I have known Mao and his family for 5 years as a friend and beloved community member, and I am honored to speak to their character, integrity, and the positive role they play in the lives of those around them.

In the time I have known Mao Sheng Lin, I have always found him to be a kind, respectful, and hardworking individual. He is the kind of person who shows genuine care for others, contributes meaningfully to our community, and consistently demonstrates strong moral values. Whether through volunteering, helping neighbors, or supporting their family, Mao has always shown a deep commitment to doing the right thing.

Mao is also a devoted father and husband and his absence has been deeply felt by those who rely on them emotionally and financially. His presence is essential not only to his loved ones but also to our broader community, where their contributions have been consistent and heartfelt.

I respectfully urge you to take into consideration the positive impact Mao has had on those around him and I sincerely hope you will allow them the opportunity to return to their family and community. I am confident that, given the chance, Mao Sheng Lin will continue to be a valued and responsible member of society.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if further information is needed.

Sincerely,
Christina Dowe

Sally Maraldo
[redacted]

July 16th, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of **Mao-Sheng "Ricky" Lin**, who is currently being held in ICE custody at **Orange County Correctional Facility**. I have known Ricky for several years as a friend and regular patron of his restaurant, You You, and I can personally attest to his good character, strong work ethic, and dedication to his family and community.

Ricky is a valued and respected member of our community. He is a devoted restaurant owner, and works tirelessly to go above and beyond for his customers and employees. I can always count on Ricky for a delicious meal and sound advice whenever I've had a tough day. As a woman in my twenties, I would not hesitate to call Ricky if I were ever in need of help for any reason. He is one of the most hardworking, kind, and trustworthy people I have met. Ricky has fostered the type of atmosphere in his restaurant where people from all walks of life feel at home. This is a testament to his positive impact on our community and his ability to bring people together.

Ricky is not a danger to the community and has strong ties here in the United States, including his family with whom he just purchased a home, and his thriving business. If released, he will continue to be a successful, contributing member of our community and will return to a strong network of support. I respectfully ask for Ricky to be released from ICE custody while his case is being processed. We are committed to ensuring that he complies fully with all legal proceedings and immigration requirements.

Thank you for considering this letter of support.

Sincerely,
Sally Maraldo

RE: Petition for the Release of Mao Sheng Lin (Ricky)

To Whom It May Concern at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement:

We, the undersigned friends, family members, neighbors, and community supporters of Mr. Mao Sheng Lin (Ricky), respectfully submit this joint letter to request his immediate release from immigration custody.

Ricky has long been a valued and contributing member of our community. He has maintained lawful working status in the United States and has consistently renewed his work authorization over the years. As a devoted father of two U.S. citizen children and a supportive husband to his wife, a lawful permanent resident, Ricky plays a critical role in the strength and stability of his family.

Beyond his responsibilities at home, Ricky is known and loved by all who know him for his kindness, generosity, and contagious energy. He is always willing to lend a helping hand, uplift others, and bring joy and positivity to those around him. His absence has deeply affected not only his immediate family but the broader community who depend on his presence, his character, and his commitment to building a better life.

We strongly believe that Ricky's continued detention or worse, deportation would serve no benefit to public safety or community interest. On the contrary, we know that Ricky is far better suited to be home with his family and contributing positively to society, just as he always has.

We respectfully urge Immigration and Customs Enforcement to exercise discretion and allow Ricky Lin to return home to his wife and children, who need him deeply. His release is in the best interest of both his family and our community as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Friends and Supporter of Mao Sheng Lin (Ricky)

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