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## **Sanctuary DMV Supports the Release of Activist Alejandra Pablos from Immigration Detention**

Immigrant Rights and Reproductive Justice activist Alejandra Pablos has been detained at Eloy Detention Center in Arizona for over a month and will be appearing before a judge on April 19th. The following statement was issued by the Political Action team at Sanctuary DMV:

Sanctuary DMV calls for the release of Alejandra Pablos from immigration detention and urges the immigration judge at her bond hearing to take into consideration Alejandra's deep and lasting impact in our communities.

Alejandra has made significant contributions to our communities and to the movements for reproductive rights, criminal justice reform, and immigrant rights across the country. We fully support her release from immigration detention.

Sanctuary DMV has coordinated with Alejandra on numerous projects in support of immigrants in DC, Maryland, and Virginia, and has witnessed first-hand her contributions to our communities. We have worked with her both organizationally and individually, partnering closely with her as a member of La ColectiVA and Mijente on migrant justice initiatives in Northern Virginia, and organizing around DC Pride 2017.

Alejandra's willingness to dedicate her time to stand up for the rights of marginalized members of our community has served as an inspiration for our work at Sanctuary DMV. We believe that her arrest was connected to her work as a human rights defender, which sends a chilling message to those who want to raise their voices and stand with communities around migrant and reproductive justice issues.

As Sanctuary DMV, we don't believe that any member of our community should be detained or deported, and feel that Alejandra's continued detention and/or deportation will hurt our community and the larger immigrant rights movement, all while keeping no one safer.

We are a network of thousands of volunteers dedicated to standing with immigrants and targeted communities in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. As a solidarity group we pledge to resist policy proposals to that target and deport millions of undocumented immigrants and discriminate against marginalized communities. We join the thousands of people calling for Alejandra's release and urge the immigration judge at her bond hearing to consider the important contributions that she has made to our communities.

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