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I am writing today as President of the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad and on behalf of one of our Members, Madely Perez-Cruz.

Madely joined the Squad in 2019 when she was 16 years old. Since then, she has completed high school and has earned an associate degree from Montgomery College. She has completed the University of Maryland's Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and firefighter training at the Montgomery County Public Service Training Academy.

The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), the licensing agency for EMTs, will not issue a license as she is in the United States illegally, does not have a social security number, and has no work permit.

Madely arrived from El Salvador with her family in 2008 when she was 5 years old. She had no idea of her immigration status until MIEMSS denied her EMT license.

She has sought assistance from multiple agencies and attorneys. She is not eligible for DACA as she arrived after June 15, 2007. She has been advised that to become a legal immigrant she should return to El Salvador for a year and then have a legal relative sponsor her return to the United States.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Madely since 2019 as we are on the same duty shift. She is pleasant, helpful, always on time, dressed in uniform, and participates in all activities. Although she is not an EMT, she is able to provide emergency patient care under the supervision of a licensed EMT. She assists in training our new members and has proven to be an excellent clinician.

Please find a path for Madely, who has proven her ability to function and serve as a productive citizen of our community, a means to obtain her Maryland EMT license and continue to serve the citizens of Maryland.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L Kaufman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Louis M. Kaufman, EMT, RRT, FAARC
President

The Mission of the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad is to protect the public's health and safety in partnership with the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service. We are a volunteer, not-for-profit corporation that provides emergency services to any person in need. In 2022, the Squad responded to 10,275 incidents and our Volunteers provided 77,691 hours of service.