



February 3, 2019

RE: She'yaa Bin Abraham-Joseph

Dear Honorable Immigration Judge:

I am writing you today in support of She'yaa Bin Abraham-Joseph, professionally known as "21 Savage", who I understand is now being held in immigration detention and at risk of deportation.

She'yaa was born outside of the United States and moved here at a very young age with his parents, sister, and brother. He was raised and spent his formative years in and around Atlanta, and he has developed deep family roots and personal ties to our wonderful State of Georgia, and to Gwinnett and DeKalb counties in particular. She'yaa's immediate family members residing there include his mother, three sisters, two brothers, and three children. She'yaa is the primary breadwinner for most of his siblings, and for his children.

This past summer She'yaa invited me to, and I had the privilege to attend, his 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Back To School Drive benefitting the Dekalb County Schools and providing Dekalb students with back-to-school supply essentials and other perks including complimentary barber and hair dressing services, along with entertainment provided by his friends in the entertainment industry. It was a wonderful charitable campaign and a certain win for the community.

She'yaa organizes and is involved in many other charitable groups and events, lending his name, voice, leadership, time, networks, money and other resources to give back to our community. She'yaa started a non-profit foundation named Leading By Example, which he formed to teach and encourage financial literacy in America's youth through the "21 Savage Bank Account Campaign" launched on the Ellen DeGeneres Show in March 2018 and aimed at teaching inner-city youth financial responsibility. Some of She'yaa's other upcoming philanthropic endeavors include the LIFE Community Development Corporation (CDC) Back-to-School Block Party and Anti-Bullying Campaign focused on education in connection with anti-bullying and mental health identification and resources.

I know She'yaa to be a remarkable young man. He spends his time giving back to our community and has been living a life of paying it forward. I believe that it would be a serious hardship to She'yaa's family, and a loss for our community, if he is not allowed bail so that he can be released from detention. It

would be a loss to the Atlanta community since he has been a great part of facilitating and promoting the betterment of the youth in and around Atlanta.

Because of his significant ties to the community, and for all of the reasons already noted above, I firmly believe that She'ya is an appropriate candidate for release on a reasonable recognizance bond. He spends his time giving back to the community and supporting and promoting the betterment of our youth. He has been an outstanding figure and influence within his family and within Atlanta.

I hope you will take all of this into serious consideration and release She'ya from immigration detention on his own recognizance so that he can remain free while his immigration proceedings are pending.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hank Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr.  
Member of Congress