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Good morning Chair Prozanski, Vice chairs and members of the committee, Hello good afternoon, my name is Blanca Valle. I am from Honduras; I have two children. I have been enrolled in the Equity Corps program, but I have not been provided an attorney. I have had multiple court hearings without legal representation. I think that having an attorney that can represent me in front of a judge is of more helpful support, showing up by myself, gives me uncertainty of not knowing what to say, how to act in front of a judge. I would like the support of knowing that we are with someone that's legally representing us, knowing who to ask the questions we may have when we don't know who to ask. To know who we go to. Personally, I would like to have an attorney that represents me from beginning to end. There is more credibility before a judge, representing myself gives me fear since I have attended alone two of my hearings in court. I don't know what to do or what to say, I don't know how to act. With an attorney, I would feel more protected, more supported, I would know who to ask any questions I have. I would like to know how my case is going because to today's date I do not know how my case is going.

Buenos días Presidente Prozanski, Vice-presidentes y miembros del commite, Buenas tardes, mi nombre es Blanca Valle. Soy de Honduras; tengo dos hijos. He sido inscrita en el programa Equity Corps, pero no me proporcionaron un abogado. He tenido varias audiencias judiciales sin representación legal. Creo que tener un abogado que me pueda representar frente a un juez es un apoyo más útil, presentarme solo, me da la incertidumbre de no saber qué decir, cómo actuar frente a un juez. Me gustaría el apoyo de saber que estamos con alguien que nos está representando legalmente, saber a quién hacerle las preguntas que podamos tener cuando no sepamos a quién preguntar. Para saber a quién vamos. En lo personal, me gustaría tener un abogado que me represente de principio a fin. Hay más credibilidad ante un juez, representarme a mí mismo me da miedo ya que he asistido solo a dos de mis audiencias en la corte. No sé qué hacer ni qué decir, no sé cómo actuar. Con un abogado me sentiría más protegida, más apoyada, sabría a quién consultar cualquier duda que tenga. Quisiera saber como va mi caso porque a la fecha de hoy no se como va mi caso.