

(Acting) ICE Director  
Ronald D. Vitiello  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
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Washington, D.C. 20536  
USA

Dear Mr. Vitiello,

Sadat I. fled homophobic attacks from a criminal group in Ghana and has been held in US immigration detention since requesting asylum there in January 2016. US authorities are seeking to forcibly return Sadat to Ghana, where he faces human rights violations by police and the groups he fled. Sadat fled Ghana in November 2015 after being beaten by members of the vigilante group 'Safety Empire', which burned down his house and beat his uncle three days later as Sadat was in hiding. Homosexuality remains a criminal offense in Ghana, and the police consistently fail to prosecute and punish attacks on the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

I call on the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director Thomas Homan to:

- call on US authorities to immediately halt any deportation proceedings against Sadat I.;
- urge ICE to release Sadat I. (case file A# 208-920-376) on parole, pending the resolution of his asylum claim;
- call on the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to review apparent due process violations in the handling of Sadat's asylum claim, and his ill-treatment in detention.

Sincerely,