We, immigrants detained in Pine Prairie, Louisiana have found the following stated as unfair to us immigrants and wished our grievances or voices be heard by the international community.

I. Problems faced by immigrants at the level of ICE

1. We are in a facility where, individual detainee, is entitled to a ghost deportation officer and case manager. We can only recognize these officers on papers and have never seen nor talk with them one-on-one. These same officers are entitled to phone numbers that are never reachable.

2. We are in a facility where, parole is a form of release, but arriving aliens found credible and eligible for parole, who in this case, has submitted the necessary documents to ICE. ICE received applicant’s documents and would never call to inform if applicant was qualified or not.

3. In this detention, arriving aliens who did not even apply for parole as a form of release, are called upon and issued denied letter by ICE.

4. We are in a facility where, the thirty (30) days given by law to anyone who is under appeal and may want to appeal his case, is rather used by ICE to traumatize and mount pressure on the appellant to sign deportation documents. At times, they gripped immigrants forcefully to take snap shot.

5. We are in a detention where, the mail service received detainee’s mail make up of documents concerning this case, and give it to ICE without detainee’s consent and ICE will confiscate the mail with no explanation to the owner of the mail. Even when the detainee demand the mail from ICE due to urgent request by the Court, ICE still would not respond.
6. We are in a facility where, even after the Judge has accorded an immigrant release, in the form of Asylum, Withholding of Removal, CAT and with a waiver appeal opinion from the government Attorney, the immigrant is continuously kept in the detention with no explainable reason.

II. PROBLEMS FACED BY IMMIGRANTS AT THE LEVEL OF IMMIGRATION COURT OAKDALE.

1. Unfair court trials, we are found in a court where, instead of immigration Judge being a mediator, she plays the role of state attorney, running the trial from the beginning to the end and drawing bias conclusion, not taking into account testifim and evidences submitted corroborating the immigrant’s case.

2. We are faced with immigration Judge who proposed voluntary departure to arriving aliens even before beginning their trials.

3. We are in court where, immigration Judge at times would turn off the recording especially when she is saying something or taking a decision that is not law abiding.

4. We are in court where, this same Judge, after sending applicant or appeal, will turn to advise the appellant not to appeal and to make deportation an option because she feels and make it clear, the appellant’s appeal is not going anywhere.

5. We are in a situation where, immigration Judge will state it very clear before the beginning of a trial that, United State is not going to give us any form of protection and that, the earlier we sign our deportation documents the better for us.
6. We are in a Court where, even after being in detention for more than six months, which state by law individual immigrants is eligible, a bond as a form of release, but the immigration Judge, states it very clear, he will not give the bond, and even proposed voluntary deportation to arriving aliens who are not by law eligible.

III. PROBLEMS FACED AT THE LEVEL OF FACILITY

1. Medical staffs don't respond promptly to calls of emergency, even at the point where the patient is almost falling out, they attribute it to pretentiousness.

2. Medical department at times gives false report to court, this was observed in a case where, an immigrant was sick and was declared, physically and mentally not fit for this trial by this Attorney, likewise, the medical department have sent a report to court declaring the patient healthwise clear and fit for the trial.

3. We are in a facility where, medical staffs at times scorn at us, while making side comments fine, we don't deserve their medical attention or services. They attribute most of our complaints to pretentiousness and exaggerating grievances.

4. Deplorable medical attention, we are in a facility where, for numerous health complaints said, Ibuprofen is the sole medicine given, just for the sake of not letting patient go without medication based on complaint.

5. We are in a facility where, most officers scoff us when we laid a grievance, and tell us, they did not invite us to the United State and that, they also don't have space to accommodate us for we are consuming their medical services for free.