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**Media Contact:**Manny Rivera, [mrivera@wearerally.com](mailto:mrivera@wearerally.com), (323) 892-2080**US GOVERNMENT OFFERS FALSE, UNSUBSTANTIATED ARGUMENTS  
AND NO EVIDENCE DEFENDING THE CONTINUED DETENTION OF DACA  
BENEFICIARY DANIEL RAMIREZ MEDINA***Petitioner's Counsel to File Response to Government's Brief by 5:00pm PST Today**Status Conference on Case Scheduled for 10:00am PST Tomorrow, Friday, February 17, 2017 at US  
District Courthouse in Seattle*

**SEATTLE, Wash. February 16, 2017** — Today, the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division Office of Immigration Litigation responded to an order from the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. Counsel for the Petitioner, Mr. Ramirez, will file their own response brief by 5:00pm PST today. It appears that the government is continuing to assert baseless character attacks against Mr. Ramirez, including the unsubstantiated accusation that he is “a gang member.” As previously asserted by Mr. Ramirez’s counsel, the government’s claims are unequivocally false and irresponsible. Mark Rosenbaum, counsel for Petitioner Daniel Ramirez Medina, issued the following initial statement in response to the Department of Justice’s brief:

“The Department of Justice alleges that while in custody, Mr. Ramirez acknowledged that he ‘used to hang out with’ and ‘still hangs out with’ members of two gangs. This is false. Mr. Ramirez did not say these things because they are not true. And while utterly implausible and wholly fabricated, these claims still would not be sufficient evidence that Mr. Ramirez is a threat to the public safety or national security.

“Additionally, the government continues to allege that Mr. Ramirez has a ‘gang tattoo,’ yet they have redacted the only photo released of the tattoo in question. As previously reported by the Seattle Times, the tattoo on Mr. Ramirez’s forearm says ‘La Paz BCS.’ The Seattle Times goes on to report:

*‘La Paz means peace in Spanish, and is also the capital of Baja California Sur, the meaning behind the initials and the part of Mexico where Ramirez Medina was born, according to his attorney.’*

“Even though Petitioner’s counsel invited the government to supply *any* corroborating evidence to support their outrageous claims of gang membership or activity beyond this supposed confession, they have failed to do so in this brief. We look forward to responding to the government’s false accusations in our reply brief this afternoon.”

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