



April 29, 2020

New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision  
Executive Clemency Bureau  
The Harriman State Campus – Building 2  
1220 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12226-2050

Re: Pardon application for Jean Montrevil

Dear Governor Cuomo and Respected Members of the Executive Clemency Bureau,

The Village Independent Democrats has long advocated for the rights of immigrants. We believe that justice and laws need to be followed and we are deeply troubled at separation of families, failure of due process, and deportation of long-standing community members. We know you share our concern, and we thank you for it.

We now ask that you help one particular person from our community who was targeted for his political speech.

Please pardon Jean Montrevil for his weapon possession misdemeanor conviction.

Jean was a long time New Yorker, community member, small business owner, a green card holder. Despite many years as an upstanding member of our community, he was technically vulnerable to deportation because of convictions he received stemming from arrests as a young man in the late 1980s, for which he completed his time in 2000. Because of that, his green card status was revoked. He advocated for the rights of immigrants, and cared for his family of four citizen children (oldest now 30, youngest two in NYC public schools including a son who will graduate from Brooklyn Tech next June.)

A law suit has been filed regarding Jean's first amendment rights. A pardon is one step toward bringing him home to us and his family, which is particularly urgent now. He fears for his children because of COVID-19, and we fear for his life in Haiti. Please grant it.

Sincerely,

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