

Rt. Hon Jacqui Smith, MP
Secretary of State for the Home Office
3rd Floor, Peel Buildings
2 Marsham St
London SW1 4DF
Fax: 020 7035 0900

Dear Home Secretary

Constant Moussavou (HO Ref M1200382) is currently detained in Oakington DC and due to be forcibly removed from the UK today Friday 14th November 2008 on Ethiopian Airlines flight ET701/ET841 from Heathrow at 21:00 hrs.

Constant came to the UK from the Republic Of Congo (Brazaville)(RCB) five years ago. He is a devout Christian and an active member and organiser of the Union Pan Africaine Pour la Democratie Sociale (UPADS). His brother was imprisoned in 2000 by the RCB government and he has not seen him since. Constant was arrested with 42 other UPADS members in June 2003. With some help from a local official, he managed to escape and arrived in south London where he was attacked by a gang of white racists and suffered a head injury.

Since coming to Leicester, he has played an active role in St Margaret's Church where he is a regular member of the congregation. Canon Barry Naylor, parish priest of the Abbey and Holy Spirit team ministries in Leicester, says that 'several of Constant's political colleagues have gone missing since returning to the country and that it was a most unsuitable place to be sending anyone. Constant has made such a positive contribution, especially in his role as a voluntary street pastor, working late into the night'.

He has also been an active member of the Leicester Civil Rights Movement and Chris Goodwin, LCRM secretary commented that his application for asylum, via a Legacy claim was still in progress'.

Members of his church and LCRM are shocked and outraged at his detention and threatened deportation.

Sir Peter Soulsby, Leicester South MP is supporting Constant and has requested the Home Office to re-examine the case!

I hope very much that you will stay the removal of Constant Moussavou and reconsider his case, as I believe that he should be given every possible opportunity to continue his contribution to his Leicester community.

Yours Sincerely,

Name:

Address:

City:

Postcode:

Country:

Date:

Email:

Phone: