

\$100,000.00 of your money to jail an innocent man.

Scotford Simunyu, a native of Zimbabwe, who has been in the US for over 18 years was arrested by the immigration authorities almost two and a half years ago for having an expired visa. He applied for political asylum and was turned down and has been held without bail since that time. The total taxpayer outlay for Scotford's incarceration has by now exceeded \$100,000.00. This is your money and it's being used to keep a formerly productive member of society locked up for no good reason. Scotford has committed no crime.

His whole family fled Zimbabwe in 1984, shortly after their father was assassinated there. The dictatorial government of Robert Mugabe continues with its repression of the people of Zimbabwe and meets any kind of resistance with beatings, death, or disappearance.

Scotford, an engineer who was working at BAE SYSTEMS at the time, was rounded up shortly after 9/11 along with thousands of other immigrants. Our attempts to get help from BAE SYSTEMS for Scotford has thus far been met with silence.

Scotford's brother, Stanford, was also arrested and was deported to Zimbabwe in August and has not been heard from since.



Who do you think would be the most productive member of our society?

Scotford Simunyu
Engineer

Scotford Simunyu
Inmate #24947

His brother Steven has a deportation hearing coming up soon and is very concerned that he will meet the same fate.

The Scotford Simunyu Defense Fund has been formed and contributions have allowed Scotford to receive a newspaper and make phone calls. He still has basic needs that are not being met because of a lack of money.

We have also been working on contacting some of Scotford's family and friends to develop a support group who can write letters to the editors and letters to political representatives.

Michael Goldman, a law student at Boston College has written a brief for the appeal which was filed on the 16th of December. The immigration authorities will now look it over and make a decision. Because of Michael's involvement in the case, Scotford's lawyer, John Udo, has agreed to reduce his fees by 1/2 to \$750 for the appeal process. However, other immigrants who have come before Immigration Judge Thomas Ragno, the same judge that Scotford faced, have been given the opportunity by Immigration to start their cases over because of Ragno's dismissal for racist remarks. This means that Scotford may be granted bail. He will then need bail money and more funds for his attorney to continue the case.

Here's How You Can Help

1. A letter to the editor, a State or US Representative, or the INS (Immigration Naturalization Service) about this case just to let people know that we are aware of Scotford's incarceration. When writing the INS refer to Scotford's alien #[A78633648](#)
2. Fundraising is still an urgent need and your ideas are important.

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<http://www.congress.org/congressorg/home/>

Contributions/Volunteer services:

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<p><u>Write to Scotford:</u> Scotford Simunyu ID # 24947 Unit E3 Plymouth County Correctional Facility 26 Long Pond Road Plymouth MA 02360</p>
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I would like to contribute:

- \$10
- \$25
- \$50
- Other _____
- I would like to help raise funds.
- I will write a letter.
- I will subscribe to the Boston Globe daily for Scotford \$22.00/month
- I will subscribe to the Boston Globe Sunday for Scotford \$18.00/month
- I will pay Scotford's personal belonging storage \$100.00/month

- Please keep me informed about this case.

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