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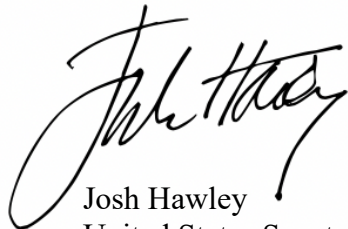Saint Louis, MO
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To the Presiding Judge:

On December 20, 2023, Endrina Bracho was driving without a license, in the wrong lane, and 35 miles per hour over the speed limit, when she crashed head-on into a vehicle carrying 12-year-old Travis Wolfe.[1] Travis tragically died from his injuries. Moreover, since Ms. Bracho was unlawfully present in the country, her lack of documentation initially made it difficult for investigators to identify her.

My office has been informed that next month there will be a bond reduction hearing for Ms. Bracho's case. Ms. Bracho is being held on a $500,000 cash-only bond.[2] That bond level is entirely appropriate, and **it should not be reduced**.

Ms. Bracho is clearly a serious danger to the Missouri public—because of her, a child is dead. As should be obvious, her likelihood of offending again upon release is high. The facts surrounding Travis's death are evidence of Ms. Bracho's systematic contempt for the law: her defiance of immigration law, driver licensing laws, and basic traffic laws all led to this horrific incident. All of this militates against a reduction in her bond.

I urge, in the strongest possible terms, that Ms. Bracho's existing $500,000 bond be kept in place.

Sincerely,

Josh Hawley
United States Senator

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[1] https://wpde.com/news/nation-world/illegal-migrant-charged-with-manslaughter-for-crash-that-killed-missouri-12-year-old-endrina-bracho-hazelwood-southern-border-migrants-immigrants-mexico-venezuela-death-crime
[2] https://fox2now.com/news/missouri/new-details-revealed-in-head-on-collision-that-killed-12-year-old/