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Self-Represented

DECLARATION OF MARIA ALVAREZ IN SUPPORT OF DV-100, REQUEST FOR DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER

I, Maria Aquino Alvarez, attest under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct.

Brief Relationship History

Respondent, Daniel Christopher Alvarez, is my husband. We have been married since 2011 and have two minor children together, L.A. (age 10) and S.A. (age 7). For many years, Respondent has controlled our finances and daily routines and has frequently yelled at me, called me names, broken objects in our home, pushed and grabbed me, and threatened to take the children away from me. Many of these incidents have occurred in front of our children. Respondent's behavior has gotten worse over time, especially when he has been drinking. I fear for my safety and for the emotional and physical safety of our children if Respondent continues to live in our home without court orders in place.

Respondent has done the following:

- Pushed and grabbed me during arguments, including in front of our children
- Yelled, cursed, and called me degrading names on a regular basis
- Broken household items, such as walls, doors, and other property, during angry outbursts
- Controlled access to money and transportation, including taking my debit card and car keys
- Threatened to take the children away from me and told me no one would believe me if I tried to leave

Most Recent Incidents of Abuse

November 2025:

In November 2025, at around 7:45 p.m., we were at our home in Richmond, California. I was helping our younger child, S.A., with homework at the kitchen table. Respondent came home from work and appeared to have been drinking. I could smell alcohol on his breath and he was unsteady on his feet. Respondent started yelling that the house was a mess and that dinner was not ready. I told him that dinner was in the oven and would be ready soon. Both children were in the kitchen and could hear everything.

Respondent slammed his hand on the table, causing S.A. to jump and start crying. Respondent called me a "useless mother" and said that if I could not keep the house clean, he would "take the kids and leave." When I tried to walk past him to check the oven, Respondent grabbed my upper arm hard and shoved me back against the refrigerator. My shoulder hit the refrigerator door and it hurt. He stood close to my face and said, "You think a court would let you keep these kids after they see how you live?"

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Our older child, L.A., came into the kitchen and shouted, “Stop hurting Mommy!” Respondent turned and yelled at L.A. to go to their room. Both children were crying. I told Respondent to leave the kitchen and that we could talk later. He cursed at me, kicked the trash can, and then went to the bedroom and slammed the door. After he fell asleep, I took photos of the bruise forming on my upper arm and emailed the photos to myself and to my sister so there would be a record. I did not call the police that night because I was afraid it would escalate the situation and I did not want the children to see their father being arrested.

April 2024:

In April 2024, we had an argument about money while we were in the living room and the children were present. Respondent accused me of “hiding money” from him. When I tried to look at my phone to check a bank app, Respondent grabbed the phone out of my hand and pushed me backwards onto the couch. He pointed his finger in my face and shouted that if I ever tried to “hide money” again, I would “never see the kids again.” The children saw this happen. Later, L.A. told me she was scared her father was going to hit me.

Other Incidents:

Since around 2016, Respondent has frequently yelled at me, called me names such as “stupid,” “lazy,” and “f*cking crazy,” and told me that no one would believe me if I tried to leave. During arguments, Respondent has punched walls and thrown objects, including a remote control and a coffee mug, against the wall. Several times he has thrown my phone across the room when I tried to call a friend or my sister for support.

Respondent has also controlled our finances and my ability to leave the house. He insists that my paychecks be deposited into a joint account that only he accesses online. He gives me cash for groceries but questions every purchase and sometimes takes my debit card away for days if he thinks I spent too much. During arguments, he has taken my car keys so I cannot leave. After one fight, he took the battery out of my car so I could not drive to stay with my sister overnight.

During many arguments, Respondent has threatened to “take the kids” and has said that because he earns more money, a judge would believe him over me. He said that he will tell everyone I am a “homewrecker” and “OnlyFans wh*re” who was cheating on him. These threats make me afraid that if I try to separate or leave with the children, he will refuse to return them or will try to lie and use the children to control me.

Conclusion:

I am seeking to protect myself and our children because I am increasingly fearful that Respondent will continue to abuse me by yelling at me, pushing or grabbing me, damaging property, and threatening to take the children away. The children have already shown signs of stress, including trouble sleeping and fear when Respondent raises his voice. As such, I am respectfully requesting a 5-year restraining order to remove Respondent from our household, prevent him from harassing, attacking, striking, threatening, or contacting me, and ensure appropriate orders are in place so that our children and I can be safe while longer-term custody and living arrangements are addressed.

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Maria Aquino Alvarez

Date

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