

# Steps for Reducing Your Bond

**If you are eligible for a bond, you must show:**

- ▶ You are not dangerous to people or property
- ▶ You will attend all your future court hearings

**Step 1**

**Call your family, friends, employers, religious leaders and ask them to write letters of support for you and help you collect evidence**

**Suggestions for the letters of support:**

1. Must be written in English
2. Should begin with “Dear Honorable Immigration Judge”
3. Must state your full name and A number
4. Should include the writer’s address and immigration status
5. If necessary, should explain that the writer can help you with housing and food
6. Should explain why you are a good person and why you can be trusted to come to immigration court in the future

**Examples of evidence:**

1. Evidence that your family members are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents
2. Marriage certificates (if your husband/wife has immigration status in the U.S.)
3. Proof that you pay your taxes
4. Certificates of completing classes
5. Any other proof that shows you have connections to the U.S.

Your family or friends should mail the letters and evidence directly to you at:

Your name and “A” Number  
GEO Group/ICE Processing Center  
11901 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Aurora, CO 80010-1525

**Step 2**

**Ask for a bond hearing**

You may request a bond hearing by:

- ▶ Sending a “kite” to the immigration court saying you would like a bond hearing or
- ▶ Asking the judge at the your first hearing for a bond hearing

**Step 3**

**Present your evidence**

The day of your bond hearing have **THREE COPIES** of your letter(s) of support and any other evidence. People may also come to immigration court to testify for you, or they may testify by telephone. Make sure that everyone has U.S. immigration status.

**Leaving the detention facility on bond is not a defense against deportation and is not permission to work in the United States. If you pay your bond, the judge will transfer**

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**your case to the immigration court in downtown Denver. If you live in another state, you may ask the judge to transfer your case to the immigration court in that state.**

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