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Spouse of An Irish National Unit

Dept of Justice and Equality,

INIS

13-14 Burgh Quay,

Dublin 2

[DATE]

**Re:** **Request for independent status**

**Person ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Ms XXX, an XXX national resident in the State on the basis of my marriage to a work permit holder since [DATE].

I arrived in the state in [DATE] on the basis of visa, to join my husband, Mr XXX. Since my arrival in the state, I have lived at the same address as my husband, and we had a child together in [DATE] who is an Irish National. My relationship with my husband has recently broken down, and I intend to separate from him. I have presented to my local GNIB office to inform them of same. However, I still live in the same residence as my husband with my Irish Citizen Child, as I am unable to support myself and my child financially at this time. My husband has refused to present with me at the GNIB office in order to renew my residency permission. When I presented at the GNIB office, I was advised to write to your office in order to request permission to renew my immigration permission independent of my husband.

My relationship with Mr XXX has been difficult for some time. Since my arrival in the state I have been the victim of verbal and physical abuse from my husband, and I have been intimidated by him and fearful my safety. I have not been able to leave our family home as I have been fearful of what might happen. I left our shared residence to stay with a friend some months ago, and during this time I received numerous harassing phone calls and texts from Mr XXX until I returned. For this reason, despite the breakdown of our relationship, my child XXX and I still share a residence with my husband, Mr XXX. I have presented to the OSS domestic violence support agency because of Mr XXX’s abusive behaviour. I have obtained a Protection Order in respect of Mr XXX, and am awaiting a hearing to obtain a Safety Order. The hearing is scheduled for [DATE].

I would be grateful if your office would consider authorising my residence independent of my husband, specifically residence in the State as the parent of an Irish citizen child who is dependent upon me. I have been the primary carer of my Irish Citizen Child, XXX, since their birth and have at all times been concerned with their welfare. I wish to remain in Ireland with my child as I believe this is in their best interest. I have studied since I arrived in Ireland. I am not currently in employment as I have a Stamp 3 but believe I can support myself and my child if I have permission to work.

Please see enclosed:

1. Copy of protection order, dated: [DATE];
2. Copy of letter detailing scheduled hearing for a safety order, dated [DATE];
3. Copy of report made by [Support Organisation] on my presentation at their office for assistance;
4. Copy of my child’s birth certificate;
5. Copy of my current in date national passport, Passport No.:\_\_\_\_, Date of Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_\_;
6. Copy of my current GNIB card;

Thank you in advance for your time and kind consideration. Please acknowledge receipt of same. Should you require any additional information or documentation please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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Ms XXX