

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your interest in supporting the Kolesov family.

For those who may not know, their story is this:

Oxana has been in the U.S. for almost five years studying to become a registered nurse with a student visa. Concurrently Alexander was studying chemical engineering in St. Petersburg, Russia and is soon to graduate. About three years ago, after dating for some time, they married. After the marriage, Alexander joined his wife in the U.S. permanently under her student visa and 22 months ago they gave birth to a beautiful girl, Angelina. Because Angelina was born in the U.S., she has her citizenship; however, the Kolesov parents have neither their citizenship nor green cards. Unfortunately, because Oxana just graduated with her RN degree and is working full time, her student visa is soon to expire. Without some type of government intervention they will soon have to leave the country and either return to Russia or move north to Canada. Complicating matters, Oxana's degree does not transfer to Russia and possibly will not even allow her to work as an LPN in Canada.

As we all know, Alexander and Oxana are amazing people who contribute greatly to the community. It seems foolish that our government would allow Oxana to obtain an American degree only to send her and her family away.

We are asking for your support to help the Kolesovs stay in the U.S.. Our plan is for each person to write a letter to our governor, congresswoman and senator. It can actually be the same letter that we send to each. We just ask that there be a subject title of "Alexander and Oxana Kolesov." In addition we would like to compile a petition which will be sent after the letters.

We have pre-labeled envelopes as well as postage for all willing participants. In addition, we will gladly package and mail the letters -- all you have to do is get them to us (Chris and Angela) or Alexander and Oxana.

For those who may not have the time to personally draft a letter, we will be sending out a "general" letter which you can sign and return at your earliest convenience.

Again, Thank you all so much

God Bless

Chris Leypoldt and Angela Drake

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