

# HOW TO RESPOND IF THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO DISMISS YOUR IMMIGRATION CASE

If the government attorney is asking the judge to dismiss your case, they are likely trying to deport you more quickly by putting you into a process called **expedited removal**, where you do not have the right to a hearing with an immigration judge.



If you are in court and the government attorney is asking the immigration judge to dismiss your case, **you have the right to say to the Judge:**

- I don't approve the dismissal of my case.
- I would like more time to explain and present my reasons for not dismissing my case.
- I would like more time to look for legal counsel.
- *(If you want to apply, or already are applying, for asylum)* I am afraid to return to my country due to fear of persecution or torture. I want to apply for asylum.
- I request that the government attorney submit their request in writing.

If the judge still decides to dismiss your case after hearing your statements, **you have the right to say to the judge:**

- I would like the court to put on the record that I do not approve the dismissal of my case and that I would like to appeal the court's decision.

If ICE stops you after your hearing, **you have the right to also say and repeat to each ICE agent:**

- I am afraid to return to my country due to fear of persecution or torture.

**Important:** If you do not go to a scheduled immigration court hearing, the judge will give you a **deportation order**. This order will allow ICE to quickly deport you.

Questions? Message us on WhatsApp or Facebook!

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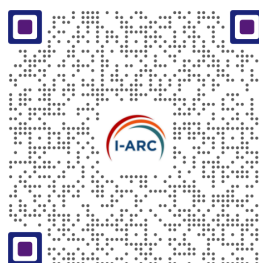
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## WHAT TO DO AFTER TODAY'S HEARING?

It is important to prepare and take the following steps:

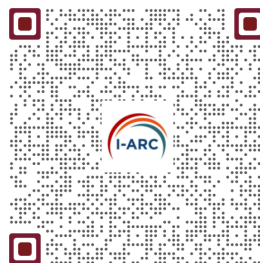
Make an  
emergency plan  
with your family  
and friends



You should  
continue to search  
for an attorney!



Learn About Your  
Rights



Connect to  
resources that help  
with emotional  
support



You can call these numbers for additional assistance with your immigration case:

**NYC Immigration Legal Support Hotline:**  
1-800-354-0365 or dial 311 and say "Access NYC"

**Office for New Americans:**  
1-800-566-7636

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