

# SAVE THE LIFE OF HECTOR MARROQUIN!

## Campus Appeal for Political Asylum

To: Leonel Castillo  
Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Washington, D.C. 20563

It has come to our attention that the INS is considering an appeal for political asylum in the United States from Héctor Marroquín Manríquez, a citizen of Mexico. We urge you to decide in favor of granting the simple democratic right of asylum to Marroquín.

We reviewed the facts of his case and the charges of murder, assault, and "subversion" leveled against him by the Mexican government. In view of the overwhelming evidence of his innocence, we must conclude that these frame-up charges are an effort to victimize Marroquín because of his political views. Marroquín was a leader of student protests for democratic rights and better conditions at the University of Nuevo Leon in Monterrey, Mexico, in 1971. Since coming to the United States in 1974, Marroquín has become an activist in the antideportation movement, the trade union movement, and a member of the Young Socialist Alliance and the Socialist Workers Party.

If deported to Mexico, there is little chance that he will receive a fair trial. More likely he will face imprisonment and torture, and probably death at the hands of the Mexican authorities.

Marroquín's fight is the fight of all members of the academic community for the elementary right to freedom of speech and freedom of political activity. A victory for Marroquín will be a victory for human rights everywhere. Although we do not necessarily agree with his political views, we must all unite behind Héctor Marroquín's request for political asylum in the United States.

Signed,

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