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THANK YOU RAHA!

Your amazing and creative work in the field of immigration and criminal law is an inspiration!
We appreciate your commitment to immigrants’ rights — now more than ever!!
Thank you for all you do.

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You are a passionate, talented, and inspiring advocate! We appreciate your many contributions to the field of immigration law. Thank you for your advice and friendship over the years.

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Dearest Raha: Congratulations on your recognition by the National Immigration Project! Thank you for your tremendous commitment to immigrant justice.

Warmest wishes,
Shoba, Hemal, Devyani and Neelesh Wadhia

THANK YOU, RAHA!

...for being a fearless advocate leading the fight for rights of foreign nationals in the criminal justice system! All the while keeping your sense of humor – outstanding! You are dear to us.

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Lots of love,
RJ and Preeti

Raha,

Thank you for being willing to tilt at windmills no matter the cost. You inspire me.
I am grateful not just for your brilliant work in the struggle against mass incarceration, racism, and xenophobia, but for your enormous heart.

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