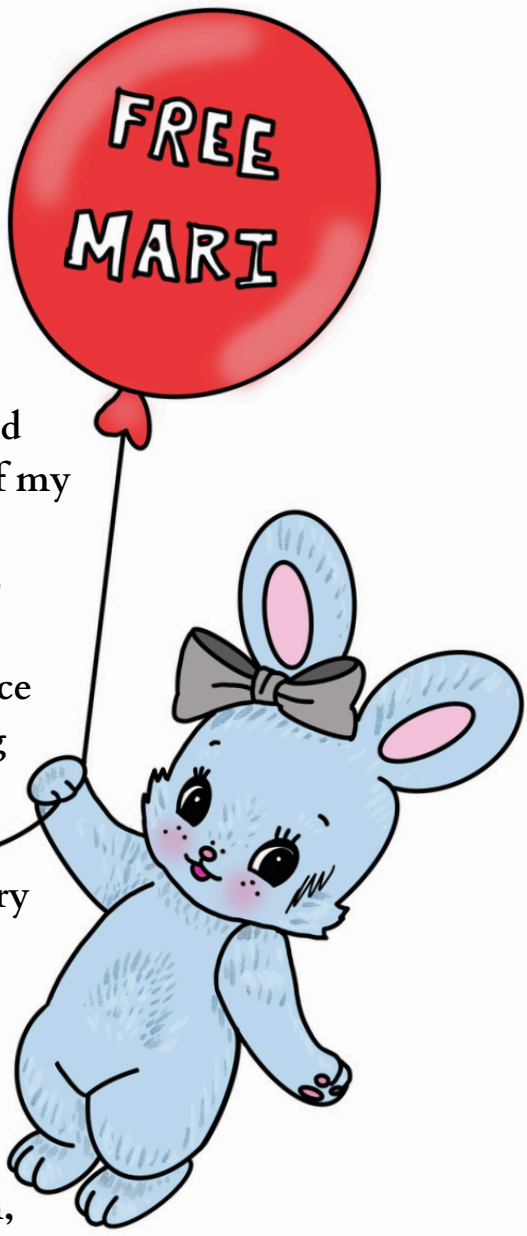
OUR PASSION FOR FREEDOM, IS STRONGER THAN THEIR PRISONS!



"I daydream and make-believe because it's one of the few things they cannot thieve. I grieve because I have loved, and somewhere out there my community loves me, I must believe. I breathe and wait for a release for all of my siblings taken because as surely as my heart beats—this invisible hope is the closest thing to an embrace that keeps me from losing faith. This medicine, this salve, is what saves me from heartbreak. A bravery they cannot replicate, carried in my blood, that no amount of their hate will ever, ever eradicate. A song, a memory, a manifestation, sun, moon, stars, and wind, every time that I blink, in this windowless room, behind a full metal door, locked with key. When they seem to have taken everything, still—I think—and somehow it nourishes just to play make-believe. While I wait for me and my friends to be free."

—Mari

Maricela Rueda was arrested after protesting at the ICE detention facility in Alvarado, Texas, on July 4, 2025. She was sentenced to 70 years in prison at her federal trial in June and is now being held in solitary confinement while she awaits her state trial. The fight to free Mari and support all the other noncooperating defendants must continue—until all are free!

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