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The Advocates is the primary provider of legal services to low-income asylum seekers in the Upper Midwest region of the United States. A growing number of victims fleeing extrajudicial killings, gender-based violence, and violence targeting LGBTI persons in Mexico have requested legal assistance from The Advocates in applying for asylum in the United States. First-hand information from asylum-seekers about the human rights violations that they experienced in Mexico has been used in this submission with their permission.