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Hi Mimi.

I Decided to write and send by mail since it's easier and faster. the letter is for all of you, with all my love.

It's been a long time since we've been apart. the first time. Being here it's hard, painful, terrifying, scary. And it's not even the fact I'm here, of course it counts a lot, but what hits me hard, it's being away from you guys, from everyone. Not having anybody here to give me a warm hug, hold my hands, not getting any affection, God knows how my heart is broken. God knows how many times I sit in my mattress (if we can call that "a mattress") and cry. How terrified I feel, how scared I am here, and it makes me more terrified thinking of what if they don't let me go home for now or so long? What am I supposed to do?

I said it before how disturbing my thoughts have been recently, I would rather to lie than live this pain. It's just too painful for me.

But I want you to know how grateful I am to have you as my mother-in-law and friend. You are the best ~~and~~ I could've asked for. I hate the thoughts I've been having in here, but if it doesn't work out, if they don't let me go home, I want you to know that you've taught me a lot. And I hope you always remember me, this tiny Brazilian person (4'10), the luckiest person in the world that I had the chance to have Brendan in my life. He is the most amazing person I ever met. Caring, loving, affectionate, compassionate, loyal, driven and all the qualities he knows he has because I've said it so many times, and you know your son better than anybody else. So, I hope I made you laugh, you happy for Valerie having me, she's so precious. I will always remember ~~of~~ you, moments and memories we made and had together, our dates at Dinner, Olive Garden, in NYC, the bird park, our drinks together, our rides in the car, the hugs, the affection, the love I always felt from you. I'll remember our laughs, our moments where we've shared tears as well, worry. Like I just said, you are the best I could've asked for.

thank you for all your support, about everything, in this situation in specific. I really miss being with all of you I miss being happy, being home and feeling like home. that's how I feel with you guys.

It's hard to write anything without crying, then my tear blurry my eyes I feel so sad, depressed in here I just want more time with you all, even if it's 5 more minutes, a week I just want more time, it's not enough what we've lived and shared there has to be more. I pray to God. I don't want to be taken away like this, that's not fair. I'm in a terrible and deep pain. I wish I could take it away with my hands. Inside of me I scream "help". I just feel like if they take me away for so long, I cannot stand with it, I can't do this. Would be too much pain, unfair.

Anyways, I love you so much and I'm very grateful for everything you've done for me, for my family in Brazil (for taking care of me as your daughter), and for me and Brendan.

I hope to see and be with you again soon. But in case, I hope you remember me, me and Brendan & Valerie, all together that's the best thing that happened in my life, the happiest I could be, and you are part of it.

thank you, I love you with all my heart.

with love, Juliana Peres