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CHICAGO (AP) - A Chicago-area congressman is trying to delay the deportation of a widowed illegal immigrant who cared for her paralyzed husband for 14 years on the South Side.

Corina Turcinovic's (tur-SIHN'-uh-vichz) lawyer says she could be put on a plane for France within hours.

But an aide to Representative Dan Lipinski says he's trying to get members of Congress to write a letter asking immigration authorities to delay the 43-year-old's deportation.

Lipinski introduced a bill last week that could grant Turcinovic permanent resident status.

His office hopes to delay the deportation until lawmakers can consider that bill.

Turcinovic overstayed her visa while caring for her husband. He was struck by a vehicle on a visit to the U.S.

Lipinski office says Turcinovic has lived in a neighborhood Lipinski represents since the early '90s.