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BY ECF
Honorable Joan M. Azrack
United States District Judge
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: *Pesantez Castro v. Maldonado, et al.*, No. 25-cv-6844 (Azrack, J.)

Dear Judge Azrack:

This Office represents Respondents Metropolitan Detention Center, Brooklyn Warden Raul Maldonado, Jr.; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") Acting Director Todd Lyons; U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem; and U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi ("Respondents") in the above-referenced case. Respondents write in respectful compliance with the Court's December 24, 2025 Order directing Respondents to "release Petitioner from custody immediately, and to submit a letter on the docket within 24 hours . . . confirming Petitioner's release." *See* ECF No. 15.

Pursuant to that Order, Respondents respectfully confirm that Petitioner was released from custody today, December 24, 2025. Petitioner's counsel acknowledged via email at approximately 3:25 p.m. today that his client had been released.

Respondents thank the Court for its time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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