

THE HONORABLE JOHN H. CHUN
THE HONORABLE MICHELLE L. PETERSON

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

MUBASHAR HASSAN,

Petitioner,

vs.

PAMELA BONDI, et al.,

Respondents.

No. CV25-2559-JHC-MLP

PETITIONER'S RESPONSE TO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Mubashar Hassan filed a habeas petition on December 12, 2025 and the Court ordered him to pay a \$5.00 filing fee by December 22, 2025 or explain why he was unable to do so. Dkt. 5. The Federal Defender has a process in place for the payment of these filing fees in these cases, but the process failed Mr. Hassan, and undersigned counsel did not realize that the fee was not paid as it typically is. While this was a mistake, and counsel apologizes for the error and the inconvenience it caused, the mistake does not warrant dismissal of the action.

As the Court noted, there are five factors the Court should consider, Dkt. 9; none compel dismissal of this action. Mr. Hassan has now paid the \$5.00 filing fee. Moreover, the Government has already responded to the petition. As such, the Court's management of its docket is not jeopardized, and the Government will not suffer any prejudice. While the public undoubtedly has an interest in expeditious resolution of litigation, this goal is better met by allowing the case to proceed. That public policy

1 favors disposition of cases on their merits also suggests that the Court should not
2 dismiss this case.

3 Mr. Hassan respectfully asks the Court to allow this matter to proceed and to rule
4 on the merits of his habeas petition.

5 DATED this 5th day of January 2026.

6 Respectfully submitted,

7 *s/ Corey Endo*

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