

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
COLUMBUS DIVISION

J.T., Petitioner,

v.

Warden, Stewart Detention Center, et al., Respondents.

Case No. 4:26-cv-213-CDL-AGH

MOTION TO RECOGNIZE NEXT FRIEND STANDING

COMES NOW, Mia Cristal Guzman Tapia, respectfully requesting that this Court recognize her standing to proceed as 'next friend' for the Petitioner in this habeas corpus proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

In support of this motion, the undersigned states the following:

1. The Petitioner is currently detained in immigration custody at Stewart Detention Center.
2. The Petitioner has been detained since approximately December 9, 2025.
3. Due to the conditions of detention, the Petitioner has limited access to legal resources, legal assistance, and communication with the outside world.
4. These limitations significantly impair the Petitioner's ability to pursue legal remedies and protect her own legal interests.
5. Mia Cristal Guzman Tapia is the biological daughter of the Petitioner and has a significant and sincere interest in protecting her mother's constitutional rights.
6. Because the Petitioner is unable to effectively pursue this action herself, Ms. Guzman Tapia filed the petition as next friend in order to seek judicial review of the legality of the Petitioner's continued detention.
7. Courts have recognized that next friend standing is appropriate where the detainee cannot litigate on her own behalf and the next friend has a significant relationship with the detainee.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully requests that this Court recognize Mia Cristal Guzman Tapia as next friend for the Petitioner and allow this habeas corpus action to proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia Cristal Guzman Tapia

Next Friend for Petitioner

Date: 03/09/2026