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Cristhian Arnaldo Torres Soria,) Petitioner,)) v.) Civil Action
No. _____) **Merrick B. Garland**, U.S. Attorney General,) **Alejandro**
Mayorkas, Secretary of DHS,) **ICE Field Office Director**, San Antonio, TX)
Respondents.)

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS PURSUAN
T TO 28 U.S.C. § 2241

PRO SE COVER LETTER

To the Honorable Court,

I am a detained immigrant seeking protection from removal to Cuba. I respectfully submit this habeas petition *pro se*, as I do not have an attorney. I fear for my life if returned to Cuba and have a pending Form I-485 (Application to Adjust Status) currently being processed by USCIS.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Respectfully,
Cristhian Arnaldo Torres Soria


Detained at: T. Don Hutto Detention Center
Date: 02/03/2026

I. INTRODUCTION

This is a *pro se* petition for a writ of habeas corpus submitted by Cristhian Arnaldo Torres Soria (, a native and citizen of Cuba, currently detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at T. Don Hutto Detention Center in Taylor, Texas.

Petitioner respectfully seeks release from immigration detention on the grounds that his continued detention is unlawful, unnecessary, and violates his constitutional rights under the Due Process Clause.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

Jurisdiction is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 because Petitioner is in custody under the authority of the United States and seeks relief from unconstitutional detention.

Venue is proper in this District as the Petitioner is currently detained within the jurisdiction of the Western District of Texas, at T. Don Hutto Detention Center in Taylor, Texas.

III. PARTIES

- Petitioner: Cristhian Arnaldo Torres Soria ([REDACTED]) Detained at: T. Don Hutto Detention Center, 1001 Welch St., Taylor, TX 76574
- Respondents:
 1. Merrick B. Garland, U.S. Attorney General
 2. Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security
 3. Field Office Director, ICE – San Antonio Field Office

IV. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. Petitioner is a citizen of Cuba who entered the United States on January 16, 2024, seeking refuge and lawful status.
2. He was detained by ICE and has remained in custody at T. Don Hutto Detention Center.
3. Petitioner has filed a Form I-485 Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status under the Cuban Adjustment Act. USCIS accepted the application on January 24, 2025.
4. Petitioner has no serious criminal history and was arrested for possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana, a non-violent misdemeanor.
5. Petitioner fears for his life and safety if returned to Cuba.
6. Petitioner does not pose a danger to the community or a flight risk. He is eligible for relief and is seeking protection.

V. CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Petitioner's continued detention is prolonged and unreasonable, especially given his pending I-485 application and lack of significant criminal history.

Prolonged detention without a bond hearing or individualized determination of flight risk or danger violates the Fifth Amendment's Due Process Clause.

IV. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court:

1. Issue a writ of habeas corpus ordering Petitioner's immediate release from ICE custody;
2. Or, in the alternative, order a bond hearing before an immigration judge;
3. Grant any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature Unable Due to Detention Submitted pro se

Cristhian Arnaldo Torres Soria

A#: 

T. Don Hutto Detention Center

Date: 02/03/2026

STATEMENT OF PROLONGED DETENTION

Cristhian Arnaldo Torres Soria

Detention Center: T. Don Hutto Detention Center

Date: 02/04/2026

I, Cristhian Arnaldo Torres Soria, a citizen of Cuba and currently in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), submit this statement for the record:

1. I was detained by ICE on **January 16, 2024**, and since that date I have been held in continuous detention at the T. Don Hutto Detention Center in Taylor, Texas.
2. As of the date of this plea, I have not been released on bond or had a formal bond hearing before the immigration judge.
3. I am currently without legal representation and filing my applications on a pro se basis.
4. This statement is intended to demonstrate the prolongation of my detention to be considered together with my other motions pending before this honorable court.

Signature Unable Due to Detention

Submitted Pro Se

Cristhian Arnaldo Torres SoriaA#: [REDACTED] Date: 02/04/2026

THIS NOTICE DOES NOT GRANT ANY IMMIGRATION STATUS OR BENEFIT.

NOTICE TYPE Fee Waiver Approved		NOTICE DATE February 07, 2025
CASE TYPE I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status		USCIS ALIEN NUMBER [REDACTED]
RECEIPT NUMBER [REDACTED]	RECEIVED DATE January 24, 2025	PAGE 1 of 1
PRIORITY DATE [REDACTED]	PREFERENCE CLASSIFICATION Cuban Adjustment Act	DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]

C/O MARIBEL SORIA HECHAVARRIA



PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Application/Petition Fee: \$0.00
Total Amount Received: \$0.00
Total Balance Due: \$0.00



NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS

We have received your form and are currently processing the above case. If this notice contains a priority date, this priority does not reflect earlier retained priority dates. We will notify you separately about any other case you filed.

If we determine you must submit biometrics, we will mail you a biometrics appointment notice with the time and place of your appointment.

If you have questions or need to update your personal information listed above, please visit the USCIS Contact Center webpage at uscis.gov/contactcenter to connect with a live USCIS representative in English or Spanish.

USCIS Office Address:

USCIS
National Benefits Center
P.O. Box 648003
Lee's Summit, MO 64002

USCIS Contact Center Number:

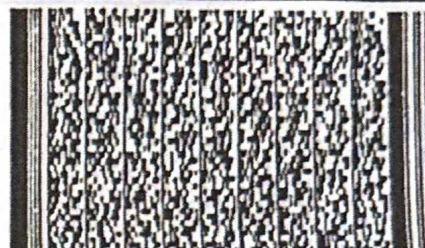
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ASC Appointment Notice		CASE TYPE 1485 - APPLICATION TO REGISTER PERMANENT RESIDENCE OR ADJUST STATUS	NOTICE DATE 02/15/2025
APPLICATION PETITION REQUEST NUMBER [REDACTED]		USCIS A# [REDACTED]	CODE 3
ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED]	TCR [REDACTED]	SERVICE CENTER NBC	PAGE 1 of 2

CRISTHIAN ARNALDO TORRES SORIA
c/o MARIBEL SORIA HECHAVARRIA
[REDACTED]



READ THIS ENTIRE NOTICE CAREFULLY. To process your application, petition, or request, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) must collect your biometrics. Please appear at the Application Support Center (ASC) at the date and time specified. **TO REQUEST THAT USCIS RESCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT, SEE THE INSTRUCTIONS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS NOTICE. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AS SCHEDULED, USCIS WILL CONSIDER YOUR BENEFIT REQUEST ABANDONED AND IT MAY BE DENIED.**

APPLICATION SUPPORT CENTER
USCIS WICHITA
550 W Douglas Avenue
Wichita KS 67203

DATE AND TIME OF APPOINTMENT
03/06/2025
10:00AM

WHEN YOU APPEAR AT THE ASC FOR BIOMETRICS SUBMISSION, YOU MUST BRING:

- 1. THIS APPOINTMENT NOTICE.** If you received multiple ASC notices, bring all notices to your first appointment, and
- 2. PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.** You must bring a valid government-issued photo identification. If the name on your identification is different than the name on your ASC notice, bring supporting documents. If you filed an Application for Naturalization (Form N-400) or Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card (Form I-90), you must bring your Permanent Resident Card (also known as a Green Card).

If you are sick, do not visit a USCIS office, follow the instructions on this notice to reschedule your appointment. If you have injuries that may interfere with your biometrics submission, USCIS may reschedule your appointment.

Cell phones or electronic devices must be turned off during biometrics submission. No one may photograph or record at an ASC.

For more information regarding your ASC appointment, visit <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/filing-guidance/preparing-for-your-biometric-services-appointment>.

NOTE: If an ASC closes due to weather or other reasons, USCIS will automatically reschedule your appointment for the next available date and time and you will receive a new ASC appointment notice. For the latest information on the status of an office, visit <https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/uscis-office-closings>. Please check this page on the day of your appointment.

You must update your address if you move. For instructions, visit <https://www.uscis.gov/addresschange>.

USCIS may use your biometrics to check the criminal history records of the FBI, for identity verification, to determine eligibility, to create immigration documents (e.g., Green Card, Employment Authorization Document, etc.), or for any purpose authorized by the Immigration and Nationality Act.

You may obtain a copy of your FBI record using the procedures outlined in 28 C.F.R. 16.32. Visit: <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/identity-history-summary-checks> for more information. For Privacy Act information, please visit <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/compact-council/privacy-act-statement>.

If you cannot attend your scheduled appointment, you may request to reschedule at <https://my.uscis.gov/accounts/biometrics/overview> or by calling the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833). You must make your request before the date and time of the original appointment, and you must establish good cause for rescheduling. If you fail to make a request before your scheduled appointment or fail to establish good cause, and you do not appear at your appointment, USCIS may consider your application, petition, or request abandoned and, as a result, it may be denied. For more information about rescheduling, see <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/filing-guidance/preparing-for-your-biometric-services-appointment>.

If you cannot leave your home/hospital due to a serious ongoing medical condition, you may request a mobile biometrics appointment by following the instructions on the back of this notice under "Notice for People with Disabilities," or by visiting uscis.gov/accommodations.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283.

REQUEST LETTER

Dear Judge,

Date: February 02, 2026

I Arnaldo Michel Torres Garcia American Resident with # [REDACTED] neighbor of [REDACTED] with telephone number [REDACTED] am the father of Cristhian Arnaldo Torres Soria, declare under oath that:

-Cristhian Arnaldo Torres Soria, an 18-year-old Cuban citizen, is my son and has lived in the country for 2 years.

-He entered the country with Admission on January 21, 2024, and was granted a Parole DT [REDACTED].

-He was integrated into the community and worked at Simply Barber Studio [REDACTED]

-I apply for immigration relief under the Cuban Adjustment Act (CAA).

-I, as his father, am committed to supervising and ensuring that Cristhian complies with the laws and regulations of the country.

-Expulsion would be a hard blow to our family and their future, since their parents and relatives are here

I respectfully request that you reconsider the expulsion decision.

I declare that the information is truthful and complete.

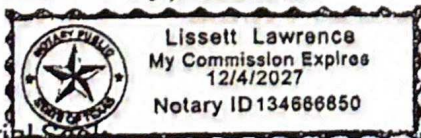
Kind regards



NOTARY OFFICE



I, Lissett Lawrence, Notary Public, attest that Arnaldo Michel Torres Garcia signed this declaration in my presence.



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Date: 02/02/2026

CLASS: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]

TEXAS ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE: 1-800-525-5555

Directive to physician
has been filed at Tel # [REDACTED]

Emergency Contact # [REDACTED]

Allergic reaction to
drugs: [REDACTED]

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