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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Gabriel Antonio Maldonado Jovel,

Petitioner,

v.

Kristi Noem, et al.,

Respondents.

Case No. 2:26-cv-00360-RFB-EJY

**RESPONDENT MATTOS' RESPONSE
TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AND
PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS
CORPUS**

Respondent John Mattos responds to the Order to Show Cause (ECF No. 4) and Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (ECF No. 1). He takes no position on the relief requested by Petitioner. As Warden of the Nevada Southern Detention Center ("NSDC"), a private facility owned and operated by CoreCivic, Inc. pursuant to a detention services agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), Warden Mattos had (and has) no involvement in Petitioner's immigration proceedings and no independent authority to release Petitioner. Warden Mattos and CoreCivic take no position on the habeas or bond relief sought.

1 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 19th day of February 2026.

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