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February 15, 2026

Honorable Nusrat J. Choudhury
United States District Court Judge
Eastern District of New York
100 Federal Plaza
Central Islip, New York 11722

Re: *Cadena-Gallegos v. Bondi, et. al*
No. 26-cv-844 (Choudhury, J.)

Dear Judge Choudhury:

This Office represents Respondents in the above-captioned case in which Petitioner Jonathan F. Cadena-Gallegos ("Petitioner") filed a Petition for a writ of habeas corpus on February 12, 2026 challenging his detention by Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE). *See* ECF Dkt. # 1. Respondents respectfully submit this letter pursuant Your Honor's Order dated February 14, 2026 (the "Order") to inform the Court of Petitioner's release.

The undersigned contacted Petitioner's counsel by email on February 14, 2026 at 12:48 p.m. to coordinate Petitioner's release, as required by Your Honor's Order, but did not receive a response. Petitioner was thereafter released from the Metropolitan Detention Center on February 14, 2026 at approximately 2:30 p.m. with his property. Petitioner's counsel emailed the undersigned this morning confirming Petitioner's release along with his cell phone and driver's license, but not his work authorization and social security card. The undersigned contacted ICE this morning with regard to the return if the two documents. The undersigned will coordinate with Petitioner's counsel the return of the additional documents upon receiving a response from ICE.

Respectfully submitted,

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