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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Baldemar Mora-Espejo,

Petitioner,

v.

Noem, et al.,

Respondents.

Case No. 2:26-cv-00372-RFB-BNW

**RESPONDENT MATTOS' RESPONSE
TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
(Dkt. 6)**

Respondent John Mattos submits this Response to Order to Show Cause (Dkt. 6). 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. As such, 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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