

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
EL PASO DIVISION**

ANDREA PEDRO-FRANCISCO,

Petitioner,

v.

Civil Action No. 3:26-cv-00450-LS

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KRISTI NOEM, SECRETARY, U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY,

TODD M. LYONS, ACTING DIRECTOR OF
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS
ENFORCEMENT,

MARISA FLORES, DIRECTOR, EL PASO
FIELD OFFICE IMMIGRATION AND
CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, AND

CURTIS TAYLOR, MAJOR GENERAL,
U.S. ARMY AT CAMP BLISS.

Respondents.

MOTION TO SHORTEN RESPONDENTS' TIME TO SHOW CAUSE

Expedited Handling Requested

INTRODUCTION

1. On February 17, 2026, this Court ordered Respondents to show cause by March 9, 2026, as to why the Court should not grant the relief Petitioner Ms. Andrea Pedro-Francisco (“Ms. Pedro-Francisco”) sought in her petition for a writ of habeas corpus and a complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief to require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) to release Ms. Pedro-Francisco from ICE detention, or in the alternative to enjoin her transfer to a facility outside of the Western District of Texas and to provide Petitioner with a bond hearing to permit release pending the completion of any immigration proceedings.

2. Due to her rapidly worsening health condition, Petitioner, Ms. Andrea Pedro-Francisco, by and through the undersigned attorney, hereby files this motion for an order shortening the time for Respondents to show cause, *i.e.*, from March 9, 2026 to February 27, 2026. In support of her request, Petitioner states the following:

3. Petitioner was arrested by ICE on Thursday, February 5, 2026, in or around Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was soon transferred to the ERO El Paso Camp East Montana detention facility in El Paso, Texas. She was very ill when she arrived at the detention facility and brought to the hospital by Respondents. The physician who treated her at the hospital said he would prescribe medication for her use in detention, but she has not received any.

4. In detention, the pain on the right side of her abdomen has grown increasingly intense, has expanded toward her back, and is so serious it prevents her from sleeping. She is experiencing hot flashes, shivers, and waves of faintness that are so extreme she fears

falling. Medical staff at the detention center have only provided over-the-counter medication (acetaminophen and ibuprofen) in response to her complaints; she has not seen a doctor since being released from the hospital.

5. Petitioner was scheduled to have surgery on February 11, 2026 in Minnesota for the complete removal of ovarian cysts and to analyze an infection in her abdominal area. For the three months prior to her detention, Petitioner was on a prescribed medication regimen to address her health issues. She cannot access any comparable healthcare while detained.

6. For these reasons, Petitioner has good cause to request that Respondents show cause on or before February 27, 2026, shortening the existing deadline for their response by just ten days (from March 9, 2026), thus allowing the Court to rule on the relief sought in her habeas petition without undue delay.

7. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2243, “[t]he writ, or order to show cause shall be directed to the person having custody of the person detained. It shall be returned within three days unless for good cause additional time, not exceeding twenty days, is allowed.” Here, Respondents have not provided any support for additional time to show cause beyond the statutorily mandated deadline.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Ms. Pedro-Francisco prays that this Court shorten the time for Respondents to show cause, *i.e.*, from March 9, 2026 to February 27, 2026.

Date: February 23, 2026

/s/ Asra Syed

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**Verification by Someone Acting on
Petitioner's Behalf Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2242**

I am submitting this verification on behalf of Petitioner because I am Petitioner's attorney. I have discussed the factual assertions in this motion with Petitioner. I hereby verify that the statements made in the attached Motion to Shorten the Time for Respondents to Show Cause are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: February 23, 2026

/s/ Asra Syed
Attorney for Petitioner