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PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

(28 U.S.C. § 2241)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION

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ED NESTALY TÉLLEZ HUETE,
A# 
Petitioner,

v.

WARDEN, LIMESTONE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER,
and
U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE),
Respondents.

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I. PARTIES

1. Petitioner, Ed Nestaly Téllez Huete, A#  is a citizen of Nicaragua and is currently detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at Limestone County Detention Center in Groesbeck, Texas.
2. The first Respondent is the Warden of the Limestone County Detention Center, who is Petitioner's immediate physical custodian.
3. The second Respondent is U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the federal agency responsible for Petitioner's detention.
4. This Petition is submitted by María de Lourdes Vásquez, Petitioner's niece, acting as "Next Friend." Due to Petitioner's detention and limited access to legal resources, he is unable to effectively pursue this action on his own.

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II. JURISDICTION

5. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 because Petitioner is physically confined within this District.
6. Petitioner is detained at Limestone County Detention Center, located within the Western District of Texas.
7. This Petition challenges the legality of Petitioner's continued detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).

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III. BACKGROUND

8. Petitioner entered the United States and applied for asylum.
 9. Petitioner complied with all required ICE check-ins and appointments.
 10. On January 16, 2026, Petitioner appeared for a scheduled ICE check-in appointment and was taken into custody.
 11. Petitioner is detained under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), which provides discretionary authority for release on bond.
 12. Petitioner has no criminal convictions and poses no danger to the community.
 13. Petitioner does not present a flight risk and has community ties and sponsor support available.
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IV. DENIAL OF MEANINGFUL BOND REVIEW

14. Despite being detained under § 1226(a), Petitioner has not been provided a meaningful and individualized bond hearing before an Immigration Judge.
 15. ICE determined that Petitioner does not qualify for bond without providing judicial review or allowing Petitioner to present evidence.
 16. The denial of a bond hearing deprives Petitioner of procedural due process under the Fifth Amendment.
 17. Under § 1226(a), detention is discretionary and must include the opportunity for an individualized custody determination.
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V. LEGAL ARGUMENT

18. Civil immigration detention is subject to constitutional limits under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment.
 19. Where detention is authorized under § 1226(a), due process requires a meaningful opportunity to seek release through an individualized bond hearing.
 20. The failure to provide such a hearing renders continued detention unlawful.
 21. This Court has authority under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 to review the legality of Petitioner's detention.
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VI. RELIEF REQUESTED

Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Issue a writ of habeas corpus;
- B. Order Respondents to provide Petitioner with a prompt, individualized bond hearing before an Immigration Judge;
- C. In the alternative, order Petitioner's release from custody;
- D. Grant any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

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Respectfully submitted,



María de Lourdes Vásquez
Next Friend for Ed Nestaly Téllez Huete



Date: 02-13-2026

NEXT FRIEND DECLARATION

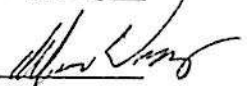
(28 U.S.C. § 2241)

I, María de Lourdes Vásquez, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States as follows:

1. My name is María de Lourdes Vásquez, and I reside at 
2. I am the niece of Petitioner, Ed Nestaly Téllez Huete, A# 
3. I maintain a close and significant relationship with the Petitioner and am acting in his best interests.
4. Due to Petitioner's detention at Limestone County Detention Center and his limited access to legal resources and the federal court, he is unable to effectively pursue this habeas corpus action on his own.
5. I am filing this action in good faith to allow the Court to review the legality of his continued detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).
6. Petitioner has authorized me to act on his behalf in this matter.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Signature: 
María de Lourdes Vásquez

AUTHORIZATION TO ACT AS NEXT FRIEND

(28 U.S.C. § 2241)

I, Ed Nestaly Téllez Huete, Alien Number A# [REDACTED] currently detained at Limestone County Detention Center in Groesbeck, Texas, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States as follows:

1. I voluntarily authorize María de Lourdes Vásquez, my niece, to act as my "Next Friend" in the United States District Court in connection with my Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

2. Because I am currently detained and have limited access to legal resources and the federal court, I consent to her preparing, signing, and filing documents on my behalf for the purpose of challenging the legality of my continued detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).

3. This authorization is given freely and voluntarily.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Signature: [Signature]
Ed Nestaly Téllez Huete
A# [REDACTED]

AFFIDAVIT

I, Ed Nestaly Téllez Huete, Alien Number A# [REDACTED], declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States as follows:

1. I am a citizen of Nicaragua and I entered the United States where I applied for asylum protection.
2. From the time of my release into the community until January 16, 2026, I complied with all required ICE check-ins and appointments.
3. On January 16, 2026, I appeared as required for a scheduled ICE appointment and was taken into custody.
4. I am currently detained at Limestone County Detention Center under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).
5. I have no criminal convictions. I do not pose a danger to the community and I am not a flight risk.
6. I have strong family ties in the United States. My wife and my daughter reside here. My daughter suffers from medical conditions and has special needs that require ongoing care and support. My detention has placed a significant emotional and financial burden on my wife and child. In addition, I have siblings and nieces and nephews who depend on me for support and stability within our family.
7. My niece, María de Lourdes Vásquez, and other family members are willing to assist me upon release and ensure my compliance with all immigration court requirements.
8. I was informed by ICE that I do not qualify for bond. I have not been provided with a meaningful and individualized bond hearing before an Immigration Judge where I could present evidence in support of my release.
9. I have not been given an opportunity to demonstrate that I am neither a danger nor a flight risk through a judicial custody determination.
10. My continued detention without an individualized bond hearing has caused serious emotional distress to me and has had a profound impact on my wife and my daughter, particularly given my daughter's medical and special needs.
11. My asylum case remains pending, and I am willing to comply with all court requirements if released.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Signature: 
Ed Nestaly Téllez Huete
A# [REDACTED]

DECLARATION OF SPOUSE

I, María Ayde del Cid Nolasco, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States as follows:

1. My name is María Ayde del Cid Nolasco, and I am the wife of Ed Nestaly Téllez Huete, A# [REDACTED]
2. I reside at [REDACTED]
3. My husband was taken into custody on January 16, 2026, after appearing for his required ICE appointment.
4. Since his detention, our family has suffered greatly. His absence has caused severe emotional, financial, and psychological hardship in our household.
5. Our daughter has medical conditions and special needs that require ongoing care, stability, and emotional support. My husband has always been an essential part of her care and well-being.
6. Without him, I have struggled to manage our daughter's medical needs, daily responsibilities, and financial obligations on my own.
7. The emotional stress of this situation has deeply affected me. I experience anxiety, fear, and constant uncertainty about our family's future.
8. My husband is a devoted father and provider. He is not a danger to the community and is not a flight risk. He has always complied with immigration requirements and appeared at every appointment as required.
9. His continued detention has created instability and distress in every aspect of our lives, especially given our daughter's medical and special needs.
10. If released, he would immediately return home, continue supporting our family, and comply with all immigration court requirements.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Signature: María Ayde del Cid N.
María Ayde del Cid Nolasco

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, María de Lourdes Vásquez, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that on the date indicated below, I served a true and correct copy of the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, together with all attached exhibits and supporting documents, by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

U.S. Attorney's Office
Western District of Texas – Waco Division
800 Franklin Avenue, Suite 280
Waco, Texas 76701

and

Warden
Limestone County Detention Center
910 North Tyus Street
Groesbeck, Texas 76642

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Signature: 

María de Lourdes Vásquez
Next Friend for Ed Nestaly Téllez Huete