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Respondents.

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RESPONDENT MATTOS' RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Respondent John Mattos responds to the 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.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 25th day of February 2026.

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