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

Re: *Giovanni Ilma Zapata v. Genalo, et. al.*
No. 26-CV-01365 (Choudhury, J.)

Dear Judge Choudhury:

This Office represents the Respondents in the above-captioned case in which Petitioner Giovanni Jesus Ilma-Zapata ("Petitioner") filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus on March 9, 2026 challenging his detention by Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"). *See* Docket Entry ("DE") No. 1. Respondents respectfully submit this letter in response to the Minute Entry and Order dated March 11, 2026 (DE No. 11) directing Respondents to confirm the release of the Petitioner. Respondents respectfully submit that the Petitioner was released to his cousin Jessica Ortiz, the person designated by his counsel, from Nassau County Correctional Center on March 11, 2026 at approximately 6:00 p.m. Petitioner's belongings were returned to him, including his driver's license, his Peruvian identification card, his employment authorization document, two black phones, white shoelaces, and black wallet at the time of release. Petitioner's counsel also confirmed this information by email to the undersigned.

Thank you for the consideration of this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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