UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF COLORADO
ALFRED A. ARRAJ U.S COURTHOUSE
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Petitioner:

RAMIREZ-DIAZ, PEDRO FELIX

[redacted]

Warden
Denver Contract Detention Facility
Aurora, Colorado.
in his official capacity as the immediate custodian of Petitioner.
Current or Acting Field Office Director,
Denver Field Office
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Patrick J. Lechleitner,
Acting Director
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Alejandro Mayorkas,
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 2241

Petitioner respectfully petitions this Honorable Court for a writ of habeas corpus to remedy Petitioner's unlawful detention by Respondents, as follows:

INTRODUCTION

My name is **PEDRO FELIX RAMIREZ DIAZ** I'm currently detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") at the **DENVER CONTRACT DETENTION FACILITY** in Aurora, Colorado.

I have now been detained in immigration custody for more than two months. During this time, no neutral decision-maker—whether a federal judge or an immigration judge—has conducted a hearing to determine whether my continued detention is justified based on an individualized assessment of danger to the community or risk of flight. The absence of such a determination is significant because prolonged civil immigration detention without individualized review raises serious concerns under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment.

I have substantial ties to the United States that demonstrate that I do not present a risk of flight. My wife has already been granted asylum in the United States by the Immigration Court, and my minor child has received derivative asylum protection. These circumstances establish strong family ties and a significant humanitarian interest in maintaining family unity. I have every incentive to remain available to the immigration court and comply with all legal requirements so that I may pursue lawful immigration relief and remain with my family.

In addition, I already have an immigration court hearing scheduled for April 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., which is set to take place virtually before the Immigration Court in Colorado. The existence of this scheduled hearing demonstrates that I am actively participating in the immigration process and intend to appear before the court as required. This scheduled hearing further demonstrates that I do not present a meaningful risk of flight, as I remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Immigration Court and fully intend to comply with all court proceedings.

Despite these circumstances, I continue to be detained without any individualized determination that my continued detention is necessary. The government has not demonstrated that I present a danger to the community, or that continued detention is required to ensure my appearance at future proceedings. My continued detention therefore appears unnecessary and disproportionate, particularly when less restrictive alternatives to detention—such as supervised release or other reasonable conditions—could adequately ensure my compliance with the immigration process.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that this Court issue a writ of habeas corpus and determine that my continued detention is not justified. I further request that the Court order my release from immigration custody, subject to appropriate conditions of supervision if the Court considers such conditions necessary.

In the alternative, I respectfully request that the Court grant the writ of habeas corpus and order the Respondents to provide me with a bond hearing before an Immigration Judge within a reasonable period of time. At such a hearing, the government should be required to establish, by clear and convincing evidence, that I present either a danger to the community or a risk of flight. In making this determination, the Immigration Judge should also consider less restrictive

alternatives to detention that could reasonably mitigate any perceived risk. If the government cannot meet this burden, the Immigration Judge should order my release under appropriate conditions of supervision, taking into account my financial circumstances and ability to pay any bond that may be imposed.

I would also respectfully explain to the Court that my situation is closely connected to the asylum case of my wife and our minor child. My wife, [redacted], was granted asylum by the United States Immigration Court in Denver, Colorado, and our minor child was granted derivative asylum protection.

When my wife filed her asylum application using **Form I-589**, my identity and marital relationship were disclosed in the section regarding her spouse. However, due to **errors and lack of proper legal guidance at the time the application was prepared,** the form was not correctly completed and I was not included as a derivative beneficiary in the application. This omission was not intentional and was not meant to conceal my relationship with my wife. Rather, it resulted from incorrect advice and a misunderstanding of how the form should be completed.

Despite this error, the immigration authorities were aware of my existence and my relationship with my wife because my information was listed in the asylum application. Furthermore, the Immigration Court later granted asylum to my wife and derivative protection to our child based on the persecution suffered by our family.

For this reason, I am submitting evidence to this Court that clearly demonstrates my family relationship and the circumstances of my case. This evidence includes the Immigration Court decision granting asylum to my wife, documents confirming my marriage, and the birth certificate of our child. These documents confirm that my wife and child have already been granted asylum protection and that I am their husband and father.

I respectfully ask the Court to consider these circumstances when reviewing my detention. My continued detention separates me from my family, even though my wife and child have already been granted protection in the United States and I remain eligible to pursue immigration relief connected to that protection.

JURISDICTION

This Court has jurisdiction under **28 U.S.C. § 2241** because I am currently detained within **District of Colorado** at **DENVER CONTRACT DETENTION FACILITY in Aurora, Colorado.**

BACKGROUND AND RELEVANT FACTS

I am a native and citizen of Colombia and the husband of [redacted]

My wife applied for asylum in the United States, and her case was heard before the Immigration Court in Denver, Colorado. On **February 7, 2025**, the Immigration Court granted asylum to my wife and derivative asylum protection to our minor child.

The Immigration Court determined that our family faced serious harm and persecution if returned to Colombia.

When my wife filed her asylum application using **Form I-589**, my identity and my relationship to her were disclosed in the section regarding her spouse. However, due to **errors and lack of proper legal guidance when the form was prepared**, the application was not correctly completed and I was not included as a derivative beneficiary.

This omission was not intentional and was not meant to conceal my relationship with my wife. Instead, it resulted from incorrect advice and misunderstanding of how the form should be completed.

Despite this error, the immigration authorities were aware of my relationship with my wife because my information was listed in the asylum application.

I am submitting evidence to this Court confirming these facts, including the Immigration Court decision granting asylum to my wife, documents confirming my marriage, and documents confirming my relationship with my child.

In addition, I already have an immigration court hearing scheduled for **April 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**, which will take place virtually before the Immigration Court in Colorado. I intend to appear and comply fully with all court proceedings.

LEGAL BASIS FOR RELIEF

My continued detention raises serious concerns under the **Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment**.

Immigration detention is civil in nature and should not be punitive. However, I have been detained for more than two months without any individualized determination that my continued detention is necessary.

No immigration judge or federal judge has evaluated whether I present a danger to the community or a risk of flight.

My circumstances demonstrate that I do not present a meaningful risk of flight. My wife and minor child are currently in the United States and have already been granted asylum protection. These circumstances establish strong family ties and a significant humanitarian interest in maintaining family unity.

In addition, my immigration court hearing has already been scheduled. This further demonstrates that I intend to participate in the immigration process and comply with all court orders.

Despite these circumstances, I remain detained without any individualized determination that such detention is necessary. Less restrictive alternatives to detention, such as supervised release or reporting requirements, could reasonably ensure my appearance at future proceedings.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask this Court to determine that my continued detention is not justified.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request that this Court:

1. Grant this Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus;
2. Determine that my continued detention is not justified;
3. Order my release from immigration custody subject to reasonable conditions of supervision if necessary.

In the alternative, I respectfully request that the Court order Respondents to provide me with a **bond hearing before an Immigration Judge**, where the government must demonstrate, by clear and convincing evidence, that my continued detention is necessary.

If the government cannot meet this burden, I respectfully request that I be released under appropriate conditions of supervision.

PRIOR IMMIGRATION COURT FINDINGS AND FAMILY UNITY

My situation must also be considered in light of the prior findings of the United States Immigration Court regarding the danger faced by my family.

The Immigration Court in Denver, Colorado granted asylum to my wife, [redacted] and derivative asylum protection to our minor child after determining that our family faced serious harm and persecution if returned to Colombia. In reaching that decision, the Immigration Court carefully evaluated the circumstances of our family and concluded that protection in the United States was necessary.

These findings are significant because they recognize that the danger faced by my family was real and that returning us to Colombia would place us at risk. As the husband and father of the individuals who were granted asylum protection, my circumstances are closely connected to those findings.

My continued detention separates me from my family even though they have already been granted protection in the United States. The purpose of asylum law includes protecting individuals from persecution and preserving family unity when possible. My detention undermines these humanitarian principles and creates unnecessary hardship for my wife and child.

Because the Immigration Court has already recognized the danger faced by my family and granted them protection, I respectfully ask this Court to consider those findings when evaluating whether my continued detention is justified.

Under these circumstances, my continued detention appears unnecessary, particularly when less restrictive alternatives to detention could allow me to remain with my family while I continue to participate in my immigration proceedings.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask this Court to consider the prior findings of the Immigration Court and the humanitarian interest in family unity when determining whether my continued detention should continue.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit A – Immigration Court Decision Granting Asylum
Exhibit B – Form I-589 showing disclosure of spouse
Exhibit C – Marriage Certificate
Exhibit D – Birth Certificate of Minor Child

VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on: March 16th, 2026

Pedro Félix Ramírez Díaz
[redacted]
Denver Contract Detention Facility
Aurora, Colorado

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of this **Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus**, together with all supporting documents and exhibits, was served by **U.S. Mail** on the following parties:

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