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Honorable Ann M. Donnelly
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: *H.H.C. v. Maldonado*, No. 26-cv-1957 (Donnelly, J.)

Dear Judge Donnelly:

This Office represents Respondents in this habeas action. This letter is written in response to Petitioner's letter filed earlier today stating that Petitioner was released without "medication or his possessions," *see* ECF No. 10, and in response to the Court's Order directing a response from Respondents by 4:00 p.m. today. *See* ECF Order dated Apr. 9, 2026.

As explained in Respondents' letter earlier today, Petitioner was released from custody yesterday at approximately 8:20 p.m. *See* ECF No. 9. In an email sent at approximately 9:45 a.m. today to the undersigned, Petitioner's counsel acknowledged that Petitioner had been released. Petitioner's counsel did not raise any concerns regarding Petitioner's release in that email nor did counsel reach out to the undersigned by phone to raise any concerns.

In any event, Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE') has informed this Office of the following: First, when Petitioner was released from custody, his personal property (other than monetary funds) was returned to him. *See* Property Receipts, annexed hereto as Exhibit A.[1] Second, the funds that were inventoried when Petitioner was initially taken into custody are presently located at 26 Federal Plaza. Petitioner may collect such funds at 26 Federal Plaza, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10278, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ICE has informed this Office that when Petitioner was released, he was provided with instructions to retrieve his funds.

Finally, ICE records do not reflect that any medication of Petitioner was inventoried. *See* Ex. A. Any medication that was provided to Petitioner by medical staff to take during the course of his detention at the Metropolitan Detention Center ("MDC") was the property of the MDC and not Petitioner.

[1] This Office notes that it was provided with these property receipts today and apologizes for not submitting them with Respondents' submission dated April 7, 2026. Certain information concerning Petitioner's inventoried property was reflected in Exhibit D to the April 7 submission. *See* ECF No. 7-5.

Respondents thank the Court for consideration of this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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