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April 18, 2026

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

Re: *Johnny Alvarado Sanchez v. Joyce, et al.*
No. 26-cv-2285 (Choudhury, J.)

Dear Judge Choudhury:

This Office represents Respondents in the above-referenced action, in which Petitioner Johnny Alvarado Sanchez ("Petitioner") filed a Petition for a writ of habeas corpus on April 17, 2026, challenging his detention by Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"). *See* ECF Dkt. # 1. Respondents write respectfully in accordance with Your Honor's Order dated April 18, 2026 (ECF No. 10, the "Order") to respectfully advise the Court that Petitioner was released from ICE custody at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn ("MDC") this evening at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Through communications and coordination with Petitioner's counsel, this Office understands that Petitioner was released to his girlfriend. Petitioner was released without any electronic monitoring.

The majority of Petitioner's property was previously released to his girlfriend on the date he was detained (February 5, 2026). This evening, ICE became aware that Petitioner's work permit had not been returned and is in a secure location at 26 Federal Plaza that is not accessible on weekends. The undersigned, Petitioner's counsel and ICE all coordinated to go over various options and to establish a plan for Petitioner's work permit to be returned to him. Petitioner's counsel has confirmed that Petitioner's girlfriend is amenable to picking up his work permit on Monday, after she finishes work at 5 p.m. Upon his release from detention, Petitioner was provided with a call-in letter which will allow him or a representative to pick up his work permit on Monday at 5 p.m. or later.[1] This Office will file a letter on Monday, April 20, 2026 as soon as it has received confirmation that Petitioner's phone has been returned to him.

[1] Respondents apologize to Petitioner and the Court for not releasing Petitioner with all of his belongings, as required by the Order. Respondents attempted to release Petitioner with his work permit, and tried for several hours to find a way to access the area where Petitioner's work permit is stored, but were unable to. In order to effectuate Petitioner's release from detention as quickly

Respondents thank the Court for its consideration of this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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as possible, and upon obtaining confirmation that Petitioner was amenable to picking up his work permit on Monday, these arrangements were made.