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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
VALDOSTA DIVISION

ERNESTO TORREALBA MOLINA,

Civil Action No. _____

Petitioner,

v.

FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR, ICE, et al.,

Respondents.

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241)

I. INTRODUCTION

I, Ernesto Torrealba Molina, respectfully submit this Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, challenging the legality of my continued detention by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"). I am currently detained at Irwin County Detention Center in Ocilla, Georgia. My continued detention is not reasonably related to any legitimate governmental purpose and therefore violates the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 and 28 U.S.C. § 1331. Venue is proper in this district because I am confined within the Middle District of Georgia.

III. PARTIES

I am a native and citizen of Venezuela currently detained by ICE. The Respondents include the ICE Field Office Director responsible for my detention and the Warden of Irwin County Detention Center, my immediate custodian.

IV. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

I entered the United States in or about August 2022 through San Luis, Arizona, without inspection or parole, and was subsequently placed in removal proceedings under INA § 212(a)(6)(A)(i). I was granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and authorized to work in the United States. I have no criminal history, have never been arrested, and do not pose a danger to the community. I am married and maintained a stable residence in Greensboro, North Carolina prior to my detention. I have complied with immigration requirements and am not a flight risk.

V. GROUNDS FOR RELIEF

My continued detention violates the Fifth Amendment because it is arbitrary, excessive, and not reasonably related to any legitimate governmental purpose. I pose no danger to the community, present no risk of flight, and have demonstrated compliance with United States immigration laws.

Continued detention under these circumstances is unconstitutional

VI. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

I respectfully request that this Court grant this Petition, order my immediate release from custody, or in the alternative, order a prompt individualized bond hearing before an Immigration Judge, and grant any further relief the Court deems just and proper.

VII. CONCLUSION

I respectfully request that this Court intervene to remedy my unlawful detention and restore my liberty consistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernesto Torrealba Molina

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Date: 04/17/2026

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241** upon the following parties by depositing a copy in the United States Mail, with sufficient postage prepaid, properly addressed as follows:

1. Clerk of Court
United States District Court
Middle District of Georgia
Valdosta Division
401 North Patterson Street, Suite 212
Valdosta, GA 31601

2. Office of the United States Attorney
Middle District of Georgia
201 12th Street, Suite 600
Columbus, GA 31901

3. Warden / Facility Administrator
Irwin County Detention Center
132 Cotton Drive
Ocilla, GA 31774

This 30 day of April, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
