

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
Civil No. 0:25-cv-3682-KMM-EMB

BELSAI DOMINGUEZ SANCHEZ,

Petitioner,

v.

**DECLARATION OF
JOHN D. LIGON**

PAMELA BONDI et. al.,

Respondents.

John D. Ligon, Deportation Officer, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), for his declaration under 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby states as follows:

1. The following declaration is based on a review of the Petitioner's alien file, statements, and e-mails.

2. I am and have been employed with ICE and the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) since July 22, 2002. I began my career as a Border Patrol Agent, later promoted to a Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, transferred to ICE as an Immigration Enforcement Agent, and was then promoted to a Deportation Officer. I have been a Deportation Officer since October 11, 2009.

3. As a Deportation Officer, my assigned duties are to identify, locate, and arrest aliens illegally present in the United States. Additionally, I am charged with the responsibility of overseeing the cases of aliens in removal proceedings. These duties include reviewing alien files for sufficiency, reviewing the detention and release of aliens

in ICE custody, monitoring the progress of cases through the hearing process, and enforcing the immigration court's decision, including executing removal orders. I am also responsible for presenting criminal immigration cases to the United States Attorney's Office for possible criminal prosecution.

4. Belsai Dominguez-Sanchez ("DOMINGUEZ") is a native and citizen of Mexico. On an unknown date, DOMINGUEZ entered the United States at an unknown location without admission or parole.

5. On October 11, 2013, DOMINGUEZ filed an I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, with USCIS. USCIS approved the application, granting DACA from August 12, 2014, to August 11, 2016.

6. On September 5, 2016, DOMINGUEZ filed an I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, with USCIS. USCIS approved the application granting DACA from January 12, 2017, to January 11, 2019.

7. On January 25, 2019, DOMINGUEZ filed an I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, with USCIS. USCIS approved the application granting DACA from April 12, 2019, to April 11, 2021.

8. On February 8, 2021, DOMINGUEZ filed an I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, with USCIS. USCIS approved the application granting DACA from April 19, 2021, to April 18, 2023.

9. On February 25, 2023, DOMINGUEZ filed an I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, with USCIS. USCIS approved the application granting DACA from April 23, 2023, to April 25, 2025.

10. On June 3, 2025, DOMINGUEZ filed an I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, with USCIS. USCIS approved the application granting DACA from September 5, 2025, to September 4, 2027.

11. On August 10, 2025, ERO St. Paul encountered DOMINGUEZ subsequent to his arrest by the Bloomington, MN Police Department for domestic abuse-violate no contact order. On the same date, ERO lodged an I-247G, Request for Advance Notification of Release with the Bloomington, MN Police Department.

12. On August 11, 2025, ERO St. Paul arrested DOMINGUEZ at the Bloomington, MN Police Department.

13. On August 12, 2025, ERO St. Paul issued DOMINGUEZ a Notice to Appear charging removability under Section 212(a)(6)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”). Attached as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of the Notice to Appear.

14. On August 29, 2025, ICE issued DOMINGUEZ a Form I-261, Additional Charges of Inadmissibility/Deportability, adding a charge of removability under Section 212(a)(7)(A)(i)(I) of the INA. Attached as **Exhibit B** is a true and correct copy of the Form I-261.

15. On September 2, 2025, EOIR Fort Snelling conducted an immigration hearing. DOMINGUEZ did not ask to be released on bond at any point during the hearing.

16. On September 9, 2025, DOMINGUEZ refused to appear for his scheduled immigration hearing with EOIR Fort Snelling.

17. On September 16, 2025, DOMINGUEZ refused to appear for his scheduled immigration hearing with EOIR Fort Snelling.

18. On September 23, 2025, DOMINGUEZ appeared for his scheduled immigration hearing with EOIR Fort Snelling. DOMINGUEZ did not ask to be released on bond at any point during the hearing. The immigration court scheduled a competency hearing for October 10, 2025.

19. To date, DOMINGUEZ has never asked the immigration court to release him on bond or conduct a bond hearing.

20. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

JOHN D LIGON Digitally signed by JOHN D
LIGON
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John D. Ligon, Deportation Officer
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

September 24, 2025