

United States District Court
Western District of Texas
San Antonio Division

Esau Ernesto Chicas Ortega,
Petitioner,

v.

Kristi Noem, in her official capacity as
Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland
Security *et al*,
Respondents.

No. 5:25-CV-01229-JKP

Joint Advisory to the Court

Per this Court's order dated October 3, 2025 (ECF No. 12), the parties file this joint advisory to alert the Court of the status of this matter:

1. USCIS interviewed Petitioner Chicas Ortega by phone on October 13, 2025, regarding his fear claim related to third country removal to Mexico.
2. Petitioner was represented by counsel during the 2.5-hour interview. Counsel for both parties conferred by phone on October 13 to confirm that the interview went forward as planned without issue.
3. USCIS issued a decision that the Petitioner did not establish that he is more likely than not to be persecuted or tortured in Mexico. See Exh. A.
4. Petitioner will be seeking a review of the USCIS decision before an immigration judge.

Respectfully submitted,

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