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Hon. Michael E. Farbiarz, U.S.D.J.
U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
2 Federal Square
Newark, NJ 07101

**Re: *Reyes Guzman v. Bondi*, No. 25-17067
Request for Extension of Deadline to File Declaration**

Dear Judge Farbiarz:

This Office represents Respondents in this habeas matter. We write to respectfully request an extension of the deadline to file a declaration concerning Petitioner's assertion that he did not receive notice of the relevant asylum interview. ECF No. 11. The current deadline is Tuesday, January 20, 2026, by 10 a.m. ICE has informed this Office that the relevant agency with knowledge of Petitioner's asylum process is U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service ("USCIS"). ICE has contacted USCIS and asked it to urgently identify a declarant with sufficient personal knowledge of Petitioner's asylum interview. The facts relate to immigration filings and proceedings that date back over thirty years (e.g., Petitioner filed the asylum application and received change-of-address instructions in 1995), and many immigration records may not have been digitized until more recently. Further, Monday, January 19, 2026, is a federal holiday. Respondents accordingly request a seven-day extension of the deadline from January 20 to January 27 by 10 a.m.

We requested Petitioner's consent today by email and telephone but did not receive a response. Given that Monday is a holiday, we file this request prior to being able to confer with counsel. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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