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Hon. Claire C. Cecchi, U.S.D.J.
U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
Mitchell H. Cohen Building & U.S. Courthouse
4th & Cooper Streets Room 1050
Camden, NJ 08101

**Re: *Vasquez-Salazar v. Bondi*, No. 25-cv-17195-CCC
Respondents' Submission under Text Order at ECF No. 9**

Dear Judge Cecchi:

This Office represents Respondents in this immigration habeas matter. We write in response to the Court's Text Order at ECF No. 9 to provide a transcript and exhibits from the December 29, 2025 hearing in Petitioner's immigration case. This submission also supplements Respondents' submission of December 31, 2025, ECF No. 10, which they incorporate by reference.

The Court issued the Text Order in response to Petitioner's letter stating that he did not receive a bond hearing on December 29, 2025. Respondents attach a transcript of the immigration court hearing that morning that explains why no bond review took place that day.¹ Ex. A. We also attach the exhibits that Petitioner planned to introduce at the hearing if the immigration judge conducted a bond review as well as other associated records. Ex. B. The exhibits were not all in the electronic record with EOIR by the time of the December 29, 2025 hearing, so the parties agreed to withdraw the request for bond review that day.

As initially noted in Respondents' December 31, 2025 letter, ECF No. 10, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") requested a bond hearing for the next day, December 30, 2025. That date was within the 7-day period ordered by the Court.

¹ The Executive Office of Immigration Review ("EOIR") does not create transcripts of all immigration court hearings, though they did provide this Office with an audio recording of the December 29 proceedings, which we had transcribed by a court reporting company. If the Court, or Petitioner's counsel, wishes to review a copy of the audio file, we are happy to provide it upon request.

See ECF No. 7 at 5. At the December 30, 2025 hearing, the immigration judge denied Petitioner bond.²

Thank you very much for your consideration of this submission and Respondents' prior letter at ECF No. 10.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

cc: Counsel of Record (by ECF)

² On January 6, 2026, Petitioner filed a motion to re-open this case to challenge the December 30, 2025 bond hearing. ECF No. 11. Respondents oppose that motion because Petitioner reserved appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals of the order denying bond, so he has an administrative remedy. At a minimum, if the Court takes on a "fundamental fairness" review of the December 30, 2025 bond hearing, Respondents respectfully request that the Court place the burden of obtaining a transcript on Petitioner.