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**BY ECF**

Honorable Claire C. Cecchi, U.S.D.J  
Martin Luther King Jr. Building & U.S. Courthouse  
50 Walnut Street  
Newark, NJ 0710

**Re: *De Freitas v. Noem*, No. 25-17487 (CCC)  
Update on Bond Hearing**

Dear Judge Cecchi:

This Office represents Respondents in this habeas matter filed by a noncitizen challenging the legality of his detention by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2). Pursuant to the December 23, 2025 Order, ECF No. 13, we write to respectfully inform the Court that Petitioner appeared before an Immigration Judge on December 30, 2025, for a bond hearing, and the Immigration Judge denied Petitioner bond finding him to be a flight risk.

We thank the Court for its attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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