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Hon. Julien Xavier Neals, U.S.D.J.
U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
50 Walnut Street
Newark, NJ 07102

**Re: *Benitez Castro v. Bondi*, 25-17598
Update Regarding Bond Hearing**

Dear Judge Neals:

This Office represents Respondents in this habeas matter. We respectfully write pursuant to the Court's January 7, 2026, Order, ECF No. 10, to confirm that on January 6, 2026, Petitioner was provided an individualized bond hearing. At that hearing, the immigration court denied Petitioner's request for release from custody under bond, finding that he failed to establish that he does not pose a danger to property or the community.

We thank the Court for its attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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