

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

QIWEI WENG,

Petitioner,

v.

KENNETH GENALO, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Case No. 25 Civ. 9595 (JHR)

**DECLARATION OF
SUPERVISORY DETENTION AND
DEPORTATION OFFICER
CHRISTOPHER DAWSON**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Christopher Dawson hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

1. I am a Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”). I started as a Deportation Officer on December 29, 2009. I have been serving in my current capacity as a Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer (“SDDO”) since September 2, 2025. As a SDDO, I oversee a team of Deportation Officers who manage cases of aliens who are in immigration proceedings. Once an alien is ordered removed from the United States, my team facilitates the alien’s removal by coordinating with the government of that alien’s country of removal to obtain proper travel documents.

2. I have prepared this declaration in connection with a Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus filed by the petitioner, Qiwei Weng (“Petitioner”) on November 17, 2025. Petitioner has been assigned the following Alien Number  I make this declaration in my official capacity and the following representations are based on my review of Petitioner’s administrative file, consultation with my colleagues, and ICE electronic records and databases.

3. Petitioner is a native and citizen of China.

4. On or about November 9, 2024, a Border Patrol Officer with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) encountered Petitioner and determined that he unlawfully entered the United States at or near Tecate, California. Petitioner admitted that at the time of his entry, he was not inspected by an Immigration Officer. Petitioner was arrested and transported to a nearby Border Patrol facility for processing.

5. On November 10, 2024, Petitioner was served a Notice to Appear (“NTA”), charging him as removable pursuant to Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”) § 212(a)(6)(A)(i), 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(6)(A)(i), as an alien present in the United States without being admitted or paroled, or who arrived in the United States at any time or place other than as designated by the Attorney General. The NTA (Form I-862) is attached as **Return Exhibit 1**.

6. On the same date, Petitioner was subsequently released on his own recognizance as a conditional parole pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a)(2)(B) due to lack of bed space. CBP prepared and served Petitioner with a Notice of Custody Determination (Form I-286), attached as **Return Exhibit 2**; Warrant for Arrest of Alien (Form I-200), attached as **Return Exhibit 3**; and Order of Release on Recognizance (Form I-220A), attached as **Return Exhibit 4**. CBP also prepared a Record of Deportable/Inadmissible Alien (Form I-213), attached hereto as **Return Exhibit 5**.

7. On November 10, 2024, ICE filed the NTA with the Executive Office for Immigration Review, thereby commencing removal proceedings. The NTA directed Petitioner to appear for a hearing before an Immigration Judge on February 18, 2026, at 26 Federal Plaza, 12th Floor, Room 1237, New York, New York 10278.

8. On November 15, 2024, Petitioner reported to a scheduled ICE check-in at 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York. His next report date was scheduled for November 17, 2025.

9. On January 3, 2025, Petitioner filed an application for relief with the immigration court.

10. On November 17, 2025, when Petitioner reported for his scheduled check-in with ICE, ICE revoked Petitioner's order of release on recognizance and took him into custody at 26 Federal Plaza, pursuant to INA § 235(b)(2)(A), 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A). During processing, Petitioner was served with a Warrant for Arrest of Alien (Form I-200), attached as **Return Exhibit 6**; "Important Information About Section 236(a) Initial Detention Decisions" form, attached as **Return Exhibit 7**; and a list of pro bono legal service providers. ICE also prepared a Record of Deportable/Inadmissible Alien (Form I-213), attached as **Return Exhibit 8**.

11. Petitioner was also advised of his right to consular notification. Due to mandatory consulate notification requirements, the consulate of China was notified via email.

12. On November 17, 2025, long-term bedspace was secured for Petitioner at Delaney Hall Detention Facility ("Delaney Hall"), 451 Doremus Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. On November 18, 2025, ICE transferred Petitioner to Delaney Hall.

13. As of the date of this declaration, Petitioner remains detained at Delaney Hall pursuant to INA § 235(b)(2)(A), 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A), pending removal proceedings.

I hereby declare under the penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Executed at New York, New York
this 21st day of November 2025.


Christopher Dawson
Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
U.S. Department of Homeland Security