

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
LAREDO DIVISION

BERTA MARIA SOLARES RODRIGUEZ,	§	
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Petitioner,	§	
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v.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:25-CV-222
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KRISTI NOEM, Secretary, U.S. Department Of Homeland Security, ET AL.,	§	
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Respondents.	§	

**RESPONDENTS' ADVISORY
REGARDING STATUS OF CASE**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COME NOW the Respondents, Kristi Noem, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Todd Lyons, Acting Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); Pamela Bondi, U.S. Attorney General; and Miguel Vergara, ICE Field Office Director of Detention and Removal Operations, Laredo Field Office, in their official capacities, by and through the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, and hereby file their Advisory Regarding Status of Case:

1.) Petitioner Berta Maria Solares Rodriguez (Solares), a native and citizen of Guatemala, filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Petition) challenging her continuing civil immigration detention pending her removal proceedings. In her Petition, Solares contends that as an alien apprehended after several years of continuous presence in the United States, she is not subject to mandatory detention under INA Section 235 (8 U.S.C. § 1225) but rather is eligible for release on bond pending her removal proceedings pursuant to INA Section 236 (8 U.S.C. § 1226).

2.) On December 24, 2025, the Court entered a Memorandum Opinion and Order granting in part Solares's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and ordering Respondents to either release her or conduct a bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) by January 8, 2026. The Order further required the Parties to provide the Court with a status update of the outcome of any bond hearing conducted by January 12, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

3.) On December 31, 2025, Solares was provided a bond hearing before an Immigration Judge (IJ) in Laredo, Texas. See Exhibit A - Order of the Immigration Judge. The IJ granted the bond request and ordered that Solares be released from custody on a \$10,000.00 bond. Id. Solares waived appeal and the Department of Homeland Security reserved appeal, which is due on January 30, 2026. Id. Solares was released from ICE custody on January 2, 2026. See Exhibit B – ICE Form I-830E, Notice to EOIR: Alien Address.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **RESPONDENTS' ADVISORY REGARDING STATUS OF CASE** in the case of BERTA MARIA SOLARES RODRIGUEZ v. KRISTI NOEM, ET AL, Civil Action Number 5:25-CV-222, was sent to Dan Gividen, Attorney for Petitioner, 18208 Preston Road, Suite D9-284, Dallas, Texas 75252, by electronic mail through the District Clerk's electronic case filing system, on this the 12th day of January, 2026.

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