

AO 242 (Rev. 09/17) Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

United States Courts
Southern District of Texas
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MBIANGA GABRIEL MASSANGA
Petitioner

v.

TODD LYONS
Respondent

(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

Case No.

(Supplied by Clerk of Court)

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Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: MBIANGA GABRIEL MASSANGA
- (b) Other names you have used: _____
2. Place of confinement:
 - (a) Name of institution: MONTGOMERY ICE PROCESSING CENTER
 - (b) Address: 806 HILBIG RD
CONROE, TEXAS 77301
 - (c) Your identification number: A# [REDACTED]
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:

Federal authorities State authorities Other - explain: _____
4. Are you currently:

A pretrial detainee (waiting for trial on criminal charges)

Serving a sentence (incarceration, parole, probation, etc.) after having been convicted of a crime

If you are currently serving a sentence, provide:

 - (a) Name and location of court that sentenced you: _____
 - (b) Docket number of criminal case: _____
 - (c) Date of sentencing: _____

Being held on an immigration charge

Other (explain): _____

Decision or Action You Are Challenging

5. What are you challenging in this petition:


How your sentence is being carried out, calculated, or credited by prison or parole authorities (for example, revocation or calculation of good time credits)

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- Pretrial detention
- Immigration detention
- Detainer
- The validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed (for example, sentence beyond the statutory maximum or improperly calculated under the sentencing guidelines)
- Disciplinary proceedings
- Other (explain): _____

6. Provide more information about the decision or action you are challenging:

(a) Name and location of the agency or court: CONROE IMMIGRATION COURT
CONROE, TEXAS

(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: 

(c) Decision or action you are challenging (for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed):

CUSTODY REDETERMINATION, DENIAL OF BOND

(d) Date of the decision or action: 06/18/2025

Your Earlier Challenges of the Decision or Action

7. **First appeal**


Did you appeal the decision, file a grievance, or seek an administrative remedy?

Yes No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: BOARD OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: 

(4) Result: APPEAL DISMISSED AS MOOT

(5) Date of result: 09/29/2025

(6) Issues raised: IMMIGRATION JUDGE FACTUAL FINDINGS THAT PETITIONER WILL POSE A FLIGHT RISK, GOVERNMENT DID NOT SUSTAIN ITS BURDEN TO PROVE DANGEROUSNESS AND FLIGHT RISK, BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE.

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not appeal: _____

8. **Second appeal**

After the first appeal, did you file a second appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

Yes No

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(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a second appeal: PETITIONER IS PRO SE, HAS NO EXPERIENCE IN LAW, IS LEARNING ABOUT IT A SAME TIME AS HIS CASE PROCEEDINGS.

9. **Third appeal**

After the second appeal, did you file a third appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

Yes No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a third appeal: PETITIONER IS PRO SE, HAS NO EXPERIENCE IN LAW, IS LEARNING ABOUT IT AT SAME TIME AS HIS CASE PROCEEDINGS.

10. **Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255**

In this petition, are you challenging the validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed?

Yes No

If "Yes," answer the following:

(a) Have you already filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 that challenged this conviction or sentence?

Yes No

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If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of court: _____
- (2) Case number: _____
- (3) Date of filing: _____
- (4) Result: _____
- (5) Date of result: _____
- (6) Issues raised: _____

(b) Have you ever filed a motion in a United States Court of Appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), seeking permission to file a second or successive Section 2255 motion to challenge this conviction or sentence?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of court: _____
- (2) Case number: _____
- (3) Date of filing: _____
- (4) Result: _____
- (5) Date of result: _____
- (6) Issues raised: _____

(c) Explain why the remedy under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is inadequate or ineffective to challenge your conviction or sentence:

11. Appeals of immigration proceedings

Does this case concern immigration proceedings?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

- (a) Date you were taken into immigration custody: 01/08/2025
- (b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: 03/24/2025
- (c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?

Yes No

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If "Yes," provide:

(1) Date of filing: 04/23/2025

(2) Case number: [REDACTED]

(3) Result: DISMISSED

(4) Date of result: 09/17/2025

(5) Issues raised: WHETHER PETITIONER IS ENTITLED TO RELIEF ON HIS ASYLUM AND OTHER CLAIMS WHERE THE IJ ERRED AS A MATTER OF LAW BY RESOLVING RESPONDENT CREDIBILITY AGAINST HIM BASED UPON SPECULATION. THE IJ ERRED AS A MATTER OF LAW BY GIVING UNDUE WEIGHT TO THE PURPORTEDLY ABSENT CORROBORATION.

(d) Did you appeal the decision to the United States Court of Appeals?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FIFTH CIRCUIT

(2) Date of filing: 10/17/2025

(3) Case number: 25-60558

(4) Result: PENDING

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

12. **Other appeals**

Other than the appeals you listed above, have you filed any other petition, application, or motion about the issues raised in this petition?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Kind of petition, motion, or application: APPLICATION FOR STAY OF DEPORTATION

(b) Name of the authority, agency, or court: U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT "ICE"

(c) Date of filing: 10/24/2025

(d) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(e) Result: PENDING

(f) Date of result: _____

(g) Issues raised: I'M MARRIED TO A U.S. CITIZEN, ALL MY FAMILY IS IN THE UNITED STATES, I QUALIFY FOR ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS, AND CURRENTLY HAVE MY CASE PENDING IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT.

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Grounds for Your Challenge in This Petition

13. State every ground (reason) that supports your claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground. Any legal arguments must be submitted in a separate memorandum.

GROUND ONE: PETITIONER MERITS RELEASE FROM CUSTODY UNDER A REASONABLE BOND AS HE PRESENT NO DANGER TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY.

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):

PETITIONER HAS A FIXED ADDRESS IN THE UNITED STATES, FAMILY TIES IN THE U.S., RECORD OF APPEARANCE IN COURT, NO ATTEMPTS TO FLEE PROSECUTION, RESIDES FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND WAS ADMITTED, PETITIONER ENTERED THE UNITED STATES LEGALLY.

(b) Did you present Ground One in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes

No

GROUND TWO: PETITIONER DOES NOT POSE RISK OF FLIGHT AS HE HAVE STRONG TIES TO THE COMMUNITY AND EVERY INCENTIVE TO CONTINUE TO APPEAR IN COURT.

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):

PETITIONER WILL HAVE SUPPORT OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, INCLUDING U.S. CITIZENS AND OTHERS IN LAWFUL STATUS, TO HELP HIM CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH ALL COURT REQUIREMENTS IF RELEASED ON CONDITIONAL PAROLE OR BOND.

(b) Did you present Ground Two in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes

No

GROUND THREE: PETITIONER APPLIED FOR ASYLUM, BASED UPON HIS POLITICAL OPINIONS, PETITIONER FEARS RETURNING TO ANGOLA.

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):

PETITIONER DID ESTABLISH THAT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT HE WILL BE SUBJECT TO PERSECUTION EITHER BY THE GOVERNMENT OR AT THE HANDS OF AN ORGANIZATION OR PERSON FROM WHICH THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT OR WILL NOT PROTECT THE PERSON.

(b) Did you present Ground Three in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes

No

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GROUND FOUR: PETITIONER IS NOT SUBJECT TO MANDATORY DETENTION UNDER INA § 235(b). DHS INSTEAD EXERCISING ITS DISCRETION PLACED PETITIONER IN FULL REMOVAL PROC.

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):

PETITIONER IN THIS CASE WAS NEVER SUBJECT TO EXPEDITED REMOVAL. BASED ON CRIMINAL GROUNDS, PETITIONER IS NOT SUBJECT TO MANDATORY DETENTION UNDER INA § 236(C)(1).

(b) Did you present Ground Four in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes No

14. If there are any grounds that you did not present in all appeals that were available to you, explain why you did not:

Request for Relief

15. State exactly what you want the court to do: THE COURT SHOULD FIND THAT PETITIONER PRESENTS NEITHER FLIGHT RISK NOR DANGER, AND GRANT PETITIONER RELEASE ON CONDITIONAL PAROLE OR BOND. HE PRESENTS NO THREAT TO THE SAFETY OR SECURITY OF THE COMMUNITY. RESPECTFULLY REQUEST RELEASE.

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Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

If you are incarcerated, on what date did you place this petition in the prison mail system:

11/14/2025

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the petitioner, I have read this petition or had it read to me, and the information in this petition is true and correct. I understand that a false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution for perjury.

Date: 11/14/2025

Chizomya S. Nassomzor
Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any

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Instructions

1. **Who Should Use This Form.** You should use this form if
 - you are a federal prisoner and you wish to challenge the way your sentence is being carried out (*for example, you claim that the Bureau of Prisons miscalculated your sentence or failed to properly award good time credits*);
 - you are in federal or state custody because of something other than a judgment of conviction (*for example, you are in pretrial detention or are awaiting extradition*); or
 - you are alleging that you are illegally detained in immigration custody.
2. **Who Should Not Use This Form.** You should not use this form if
 - you are challenging the validity of a federal judgment of conviction and sentence (*these challenges are generally raised in a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255*);
 - you are challenging the validity of a state judgment of conviction and sentence (*these challenges are generally raised in a petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254*); or
 - you are challenging a final order of removal in an immigration case (*these challenges are generally raised in a petition for review directly with a United States Court of Appeals*).
3. **Preparing the Petition.** The petition must be typed or neatly written, and you must sign and date it under penalty of perjury. **A false statement may lead to prosecution.**
4. **Answer all the questions.** You do not need to cite law. You may submit additional pages if necessary. If you do not fill out the form properly, you will be asked to submit additional or correct information. If you want to submit any legal arguments, you must submit them in a separate memorandum. Be aware that any such memorandum may be subject to page limits set forth in the local rules of the court where you file this petition. If you attach additional pages, number the pages and identify which section of the petition is being continued. All filings must be submitted on paper sized 8½ by 11 inches. **Do not use the back of any page.**
5. **Supporting Documents.** In addition to your petition, you must send to the court a copy of the decisions you are challenging and a copy of any briefs or administrative remedy forms filed in your case.
6. **Required Filing Fee.** You must include the \$5 filing fee required by 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). If you are unable to pay the filing fee, you must ask the court for permission to proceed in forma pauperis – that is, as a person who cannot pay the filing fee – by submitting the documents that the court requires.
7. **Submitting Documents to the Court.** Mail your petition and _____ copies to the clerk of the United States District Court for the district and division in which you are confined. For a list of districts and divisions, see 28 U.S.C. §§ 81-131. All copies must be identical to the original. Copies may be legibly handwritten.

If you want a file-stamped copy of the petition, you must enclose an additional copy of the petition and ask the court to file-stamp it and return it to you.
8. **Change of Address.** You must immediately notify the court in writing of any change of address. If you do not, the court may dismiss your case.