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Hon. Karen M. Williams, U.S.D.J.
United States District Court
Mitchell H. Cohen Building
& U.S. Courthouse
4th & Cooper Streets
Camden, NJ 08101

**Re: *Lin v. Soto*, No. 25-cv-18471 (KMW)
Petitioner's Transfer to New Jersey and Bond Hearing Before
an Immigration Judge**

Dear Judge Williams:

This Office represents Respondents in the above-referenced habeas matter filed by an alien challenging the legality of his detention by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1225. We respectfully write in response to the Court's January 6, 2026 Order (ECF No. 3) directing Respondents to provide Petitioner with an individualized bond hearing by January 13, 2026, and the Court's January 8, 2026 Text Order (ECF No. 6) directing Respondents to take reasonable steps to return Petitioner to New Jersey by January 15, 2026.

On January 11, 2026, ICE transferred Petitioner to the Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility in Elizabeth, New Jersey. See Ex. 1 at 1 (Jan. 12, 2026 Form I-830). On January 13, 2026, the Elizabeth Immigration Court conducted a custody redetermination concerning Petitioner pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1236. The Elizabeth Immigration Court ordered that Petitioner be released from custody on \$7,500.00 bond. Ex. 2 at 1 (Jan. 13, 2026 Order of the Immigration Judge). ICE released Petitioner from its custody earlier today.

Should Your Honor have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact this Office. Thank you very much for your consideration of this action.

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