

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

Diego Rafael Medina Rodriguez,

Petitioner,

Case No.: 3:25-cv-1516-JEP-SJH

v.

Warden, North Florida Detention  
Center, Director of Enforcement and  
Removal Operations, Miami Field  
Office, and Attorney General of the  
United States,<sup>1</sup>

Respondents.

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**RESPONSE TO PETITION**

Respondents, hereby respond to Diego Rafael Medina Rodriguez's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (ECF 1). While Respondents would otherwise oppose the petition on jurisdiction (8 U.S.C. § 1252(g)) and the merits, Petitioner was removed from the United States on December 29, 2025 and removal moots his petition. *See* ECF 5, Notice of Removal. Because this case solely concerned a challenge to detention itself, Petitioner's removal and release rendered Petitioner's habeas action moot. *Salmeron-Salmeron v. Spivey*, 926 F.3d 1283, 1289 (11th Cir. 2019) ("As a general

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<sup>1</sup> The Petition does not identify any Respondents. The court docket reflects the Respondents named in the case style.

rule, a habeas petition presents a live case or controversy only when a petitioner is in custody.”). *See also Soliman v. INS*, 296 F.3d 1237, 1243 (11th Cir. 2002); *Djadju v. Vega*, 32 F.4th 1102, 1106-07 (11th Cir. 2022); *Mehmood v. U.S. Att’y General*, 808 Fed. Appx. 911, 913-14 (11th Cir. 2020).

Based on the foregoing, the petition should be denied and dismissed as moot in light of Petitioner’s removal on December 29, 2025.

Dated: January 13, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Petitioner is a *pro se* litigant and has been removed from the United States. Regardless, a copy of this notice has been mailed via United States Postal Service to Diego Rafael Medina Rodriguez at his last known address, North Florida Detention Center, 20706 U.S. Highway 90 West, Sanderson, FL 32085-2359.

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