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12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
13 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

14 Alexis Ivan Venegas Banuelos,

15 Petitioner,

16 v.

17 Pamela Jo Bondi, et al.,

18 Respondents.
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Case No. 2:25-cv-02483-RFB-BNW

**RESPONDENT MATTOS' RESPONSE
TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF
HABEAS CORPUS (ECF No. 1)**

20 Respondent John Mattos responds to the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (ECF No.
21 1). He takes no position on the relief requested by Petitioner. As Warden of the Nevada
22 Southern Detention Center ("NSDC"), a private facility owned and operated by CoreCivic,
23 Inc. pursuant to a detention services agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs
24 Enforcement ("ICE"), Warden Mattos had (and has) no involvement in Petitioner's
25 immigration proceedings and no independent authority to release Petitioner. Warden Mattos
26 and CoreCivic take no position on the habeas or bond relief sought.
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1 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 2nd day of February 2026.

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