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Hon. Renée Marie Bumb, C.U.S.D.J.
United States District Court
Mitchell H. Cohen Building
& U.S. Courthouse
4th & Cooper Streets
Camden, NJ 08101

**Re: *Moscoso v. Soto*, No. 25-cv-18645 (RMB)
Petitioner's Bond Hearing Before an Immigration Judge**

Dear Chief Judge Bumb:

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(b)(2). We respectfully write to inform the Court that on January 15, 2026, the Elizabeth Immigration Court conducted a bond hearing concerning Petitioner pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1236.¹ The Elizabeth Immigration Court denied Petitioner's request for a change in custody status upon finding that:

[Petitioner] failed to meet his burden of proving that an amount of bond could be set to assure his appearance at future court proceedings. Moreover, there were significant issues regarding the evidence submitted in support of [Petitioner's] application. Most troubling was [Petitioner's] testimony under oath that he did not know the name of the person his counsel presented as a sponsor for [Petitioner].

¹ As Respondents previously advised, Petitioner was originally scheduled for a bond hearing on December 30, 2025. However, during that hearing, Petitioner, proceeding *pro se*, withdrew his request for a change in custody status and was advised that he could request that the Elizabeth Immigration Court schedule another bond hearing pursuant to the Court's December 23, 2025 Order (ECF No. 5) when he and his attorney were ready to proceed. Resp't's Letter, ECF No. 6 at 1.

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Ex. 1 at 1 (Jan. 15, 2026 Order of the Immigration Judge).

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.

Respectfully submitted,

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