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12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
13 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

14 In Re: Aaron Vela-Villanueva,

15 Case No. 2:25-cv-02538-APG-MDC

16 **Motion to Dismiss the Petition as
17 Moot**

18 On January 12, 2026, Aaron Vela-Villanueva, through counsel, requested an
19 extension of time through Monday, February 2, 2026, within which to file his
20 Amended Petition. Mr. Vela-Villanueva has not yet named a respondent, but United
21 States Attorney Courtney Strange has issued a notice of appearance on behalf of the
22 United States Attorney's Office for the District of Nevada. On January 13, 2026,
23 Ms. Strange informed undersigned counsel that Mr. Vela-Villanueva was removed
24 from the U.S. the previous day and is no longer in the custody of the Department of
25 Homeland Security. Upon undersigned counsel's request, Ms. Strange provided the
26 enclosed documentation as proof of removal. *See Exhibit A.* Undersigned counsel
27 was also able to speak with Mr. Vela-Villanueva, who confirmed his removal.

1 In light of these developments, Mr. Vela-Villanueva requests the Court
2 dismiss the petition as moot.

3 Dated February 2, 2026.

4 Respectfully submitted,

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