

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

E.H.C.F., a minor, by and through his Next Friend,
M. [REDACTED]

Petitioners/Plaintiffs,

Civil Case No.: 3:25-cv-02142 (VDO)

v.

Robert F. KENNEDY, JR. in his official capacity
as Secretary of Health and Human Services; Angie
SALAZAR, in her official capacity as Acting
Director of the Office for Refugee Resettlement;
Kristi NOEM in her official capacity as Secretary
of Homeland Security; Regina MOLLER, Director
of Noank Community Support Services; U.S.
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS);
U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR); U.S.
Department of Homeland Security (DHS); Noank
Community Support Services (NCSS)

Respondents/Defendants.

PETITIONER-PLAINTIFF'S STATUS REPORT

Petitioner-Plaintiff, through the undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this Status Report pursuant to the Court's Order dated January 21, 2026. (ECF 55)

On January 16, 2026, this Court granted Petitioner-Plaintiff's Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction, ordering Respondents to release him to the custody of his mother, Ms. [REDACTED], no later than January 18, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. (ECF 54). On January 17, 2026 at 1:07 PM, the Office of Refugee Resettlement ("ORR") issued a final agency decision approving the sponsorship application of Ms. [REDACTED] See Ex. A, ORR

Decision, dated January 17, 2026. ORR subsequently released the Petitioner to the custody of his mother at 3:40 PM on January 17, 2026. *Id.*

On January 30, 2026, during a phone call with counsel for Petitioner-Plaintiff, counsel for Respondents confirmed that ORR does not have a mechanism to reassume custody of an Unaccompanied Alien Child (“UC”) following their release, absent a referral from another federal department or agency.

As Petitioner-Plaintiff has obtained the primary relief sought in his Amended Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief (ECF 19), he is prepared to voluntarily withdraw the amended petition pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Petitioner-Plaintiff will file a Notice of Dismissal as soon as practicable, and no later than February 3, 2026. As Petitioner-Plaintiff intends to voluntarily withdraw the instant action, there is no need to consider transfer to the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Dated: February 2, 2026

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on February 2, 2026, I electronically filed the foregoing document(s) and that they are available for viewing and downloading from the Court's CM/ECF system, and that the participants in the case that are registered CM/ECF users will be served electronically by the CM/ECF system. I further certify that a copy of the foregoing document(s) was mailed via U.S. Mail to the person(s) and entities listed below:

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