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Diana E. Murphy United States Courthouse  
United States District Court - District of Minnesota  
300 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Victor Manuel Perete Benitez vs. Pamela Bondi *et al*  
Case 25-CV-4753

Dear Clerk of US District Court,

My name is Kelsey Hopps and I am the Crow Wing County Attorney. I am submitting this letter as an apology to the Court and parties for failure to submit a response on behalf of Respondent Eric Klang, Crow Wing County Sheriff. I did not receive a copy of the petition in this matter until January 6, 2026, which was after the time for responses had expired. Consequently, I will not file anything further in this matter unless the Court directs otherwise.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelsey Hopps".

Kelsey Hopps, County Attorney  
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