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Via PACER
HON. ORELIA E. MERCHANT
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

RE: **Lira Caceres v. Shanahan**
Case Number: **1:26-cv-00016-OEM**

Dear Hon. Orelia E. Merchant:

I write with great respect regarding the above-captioned petition for a writ of habeas corpus, which remains pending before the Court.

The petitioner entered the United States as an unaccompanied minor in 2023 and has now been continuously detained for more than 135 days. The petitioner is scheduled to appear for an immigration hearing on January 27, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. If a decision is not issued in this habeas matter prior to that hearing, the petitioner will likely be ordered removed from the United States.

Because this petition concerns the petitioner's continued deprivation of liberty, and because the pending immigration hearing presents an imminent and irreversible consequence, the petitioner respectfully requests that the Court issue its decision as expeditiously as possible. The outcome of this habeas petition will directly determine whether the petitioner may obtain meaningful relief before removal proceedings conclude.

The petitioner recognizes the Court's substantial caseload and the careful consideration required in habeas cases. This request is made with the utmost respect for the Court and solely due to the extraordinary urgency presented by the petitioner's prolonged detention and the rapidly approaching immigration hearing date.

Thank you for the Court's attention to this matter and for its continued consideration of the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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