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Somvang Phranchasiry,

Petitioner,

v. DAVID EASTERWOOD, in his official capacity as Field Office Director, St. Paul Field Office, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, et al;

Respondents.

Case No.: 26-cv-37-PJS/EMB

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

I, ___ Somvang Phranchasiry, move for the appointment of counsel. To support this motion, I declare under penalty of perjury that (check one):

☐ I have been granted, or have applied for, permission to proceed *in forma pauperis.*

☒ I have attached an affidavit demonstrating my inability to pay the cost of an attorney.

I have made diligent efforts to obtain legal counsel but have been unsuccessful because of my poverty (describe below):

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Before I was detained, my income was only about $36,000 annually, and I have only several hundred dollars in a joint bank account with my partner. Now that I am detained by ICE, this income has been cut off entirely.

While my partner and I have received pro se assistance in preparing this habeas petition, I have no ability to hire an attorney that can respond to the Government in this case. I require an appointed attorney to assist me in challenging my unlawful detention.

I need the assistance of an attorney with my habeas petition because (describe below):

I do not speak or write english well. I do not have any formal training in the law and I do not have access to all of the laws or regulations that apply to my case.

I do not understand what is happening and ICE has not given me any good information.

I suffer from these health concerns.

I suffer from these mental health challenges.

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Date

Somvang Phrachansiry
Signature

SOMVANG Phrachansiry
Printed Name