

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
ANTONIO DIVISION

WENDY VEGA LORES, Petitioner, *Pro Se* (A# )

v.

WARDEN, KARNES COUNTY IMMIGRATION PROCESSING CENTER, et al.
Respondents.

Case No. SA-26-CV-00019-OLG

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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PETITIONER'S MOTION TO REOPEN AND RECONSIDER

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE ORLANDO L. GARCIA:

I, Wendy Vega Lores (A# ) , Petitioner, currently detained at the **Karnes County Immigration Processing Center**, respectfully move this Court to reopen my case and reconsider the legality of my continued detention. As of today, April 7, 2026, my custody has reached a duration of **nine (9) months and eighteen (18) days**, a period that is unconstitutionally prolonged and exceeds all reasonable administrative necessity.

I. NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THIS COURT'S MANDATE

On February 6, 2026, this Honorable Court issued an **ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (Dkt. No. 12)**, which explicitly stated:

*"Petitioner Wendy Vega Lores's 28 U.S.C. § 2241 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Dkt. No. 1) is therefore **GRANTED** in that Respondents must provide Petitioner with a bond hearing pursuant to § 1226(a) within 14 days from the date of this Order, or release her. Respondents must file an advisory as to the status of Petitioner's bond hearing, if any, no later than 21 days from the date of this Order."*

Following the February 20, 2026 hearing, Petitioner filed an **Advisory** with this Court to report that the hearing provided was a mere formality that failed to satisfy Due Process. Despite the Court's directive to **"release her"** if a proper hearing was not provided, Petitioner remains in high-security detention.

II. GROUNDS FOR REOPENING

1. **Legal Error by the Immigration Court:** In the order dated February 20, 2026, Immigration Judge Meredith Tyrakoski erroneously characterized the proceeding as a voluntary request under 8 C.F.R. § 1236, failing to recognize it as a mandatory federal

court order. The Judge issued a summary denial based solely on a "High flight risk" checkbox, without the individualized assessment required by law.

2. **Disregard of Exceptional Merit, Sponsorship, and Compliance:** The Immigration Court ignored that Petitioner is an honor student at Texas State University with a 3.8 GPA, officially recognized on the Dean's List. Petitioner also has a formal financial Sponsor, zero criminal history, and a perfect record of compliance, having attended 100% of her scheduled appointments with ICE prior to detention. These factors prove she is neither a flight risk nor a danger.
3. **Arbitrary and Punitive Conduct by ICE:** Respondents have recently denied Petitioner's fundamental right to contract marriage via an undated official document. This arbitrary denial, combined with a 9-month and 18-day detention, proves that Petitioner's custody has become punitive and retaliatory.

III. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Because the Respondents have failed to provide the meaningful hearing mandated by this Court and have disregarded Petitioner's exemplary character, they are in violation of the alternative directive to "release her." Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court reopen Case No. SA-26-CV-00019-OLG and order her immediate release.

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

(Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746)

I, Wendy Vega Lores, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that I am the Petitioner in the foregoing matter, that I have read the foregoing Motion to Reopen and Reconsider, and that the factual statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed on this 7th day of April, 2026.

Wendy Vega Lores Petitioner, Pro Se

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WENDY VEGA LORES A# [REDACTED] Karnes County Immigration Processing Center
409 FM 1144 Karnes City, TX 78118

April 7, 2026

Clerk of the Court United States District Court Western District of Texas San Antonio
Division 262 West Nueva Street San Antonio, TX 78207

RE: MOTION TO REOPEN AND RECONSIDER – CASE NO. SA-26-CV-00019-OLG

Dear Clerk of the Court:

Enclosed for filing, please find Petitioner's **Motion to Reopen and Reconsider** regarding the above-captioned case.

Petitioner, Wendy Vega Lores (A# [REDACTED]), is currently detained at the **Karnes County Immigration Processing Center**. As of today, her detention has reached a duration of **nine (9) months and eighteen (18) days**. This motion is filed due to the Respondents' failure to comply with the explicit mandate issued by this Honorable Court on February 6, 2026, which stated:

*"Petitioner Wendy Vega Lores's 28 U.S.C. § 2241 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Dkt. No. 1) is therefore **GRANTED** in that Respondents must provide Petitioner with a bond hearing pursuant to § 1226(a) within 14 days from the date of this Order, or release her. Respondents must file an advisory as to the status of Petitioner's bond hearing, if any, no later than 21 days from the date of this Order."*

As detailed in the enclosed motion and the **Advisory** previously filed by Petitioner, the hearing provided on February 20, 2026, was a mere formality that committed gross legal errors and failed to provide the meaningful individualized assessment required by Due Process. The Immigration Court completely disregarded Petitioner's **3.8 GPA**, her status on the **Dean's List** at Texas State University, and the fact that she has a **formal financial Sponsor** and deep community ties.

Furthermore, Petitioner brings to the Court's attention the increasingly **arbitrary and punitive** nature of her prolonged detention, evidenced by the Respondents' recent denial of her fundamental right to contract marriage.

Petitioner is appearing *Pro Se* and respectfully requests that this Court reopen the proceedings to enforce its prior Order and grant her immediate release.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this urgent matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Vega Lores Petitioner, *Pro Se*

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INDEX OF EXHIBITS

Petitioner, Wendy Vega Lores, respectfully submits the following evidence in support of her **Motion to Reopen and Reconsider:**

Exhibit	Description of Evidence
A	Order of Judge Orlando L. Garcia (Feb. 6, 2026): Explicitly granting the Writ of Habeas Corpus and ordering a meaningful bond hearing or release.
B	Order of Immigration Judge Meredith Tyrakoski (Feb. 20, 2026): A summary denial erroneously citing 8 C.F.R. § 1236 and failing to provide an individualized assessment of the case.
C	Academic Records from [REDACTED] University: Official transcripts and certificates confirming a 3.8 GPA and Petitioner's recognition on the Dean's List .
D	Evidence of Financial Investment in Education: Official receipts confirming the payment of \$16,000 for academic tuition at [REDACTED] University.

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E	Sponsorship and Financial Support Documentation: Affidavit of Support and financial evidence from Petitioner's formal Sponsor and family.
F	Proof of Stable Community Ties: Documentation verifying four (4) years of stable residence at 
G	Denial of Marriage Request: Undated official document from ICE arbitrarily denying Petitioner's fundamental right to contract marriage.
H	Copy of Previously Filed Advisory: Informing this Court of the procedural and legal failures during the February 20th bond hearing.
I	Employment Authorization Card (C09): Proof of legal work authorization and pending residency application under the Cuban Adjustment Act.