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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT OF WESTERN WASHINGTON

Juan Alfredo CRUZ GARCIA,

Petitioner,

v.

Laura HERMOSILLO, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Case No. 2:26-cv-00184-TMC

JOINT STATUS UPDATE

On January 26, 2026, the Court ordered the parties to file a joint status report by January 28, 2026, informing the Court as to the status of the government's efforts to remove Petitioner from the United States, and whether the issues raised in the TRO motion remain part of the case. Dkt. 12. The Court also requested a copy of the Immigration Judge's bond order, issued January 27, 2026. *Id.* Petitioner and Respondent hereby submit this status update in accordance with the Court's Order.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") has advised that the agency no longer intends to remove Petitioner pursuant to the prior grant of voluntary departure. Instead, on January 22, 2026, ICE served Petitioner with a Notice to Appear and initiated removal proceedings against Petitioner. Exh. A, NTA. ICE has advised that at this time, there are no plans

to execute Petitioner's removal. Given this change in posture, the issues raised in the TRO are no longer at issue in the instant habeas.

On January 27, 2025, Petitioner attended a bond hearing before the Immigration Judge in Tacoma, Washington. Exh. B, IJ Bond Order. At the hearing, the Immigration Judge denied Petitioner's request for a hearing finding no jurisdiction. *Id.* However, in the alternative, the Immigration Judge ordered Petitioner released upon payment of \$3,500 bond. *Id.*

As part of his removal proceedings, Petitioner is scheduled to appear at master calendar hearing before the Immigration Judge on February 12, 2026.

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DATED this 27th day of January, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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