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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
ABILENE DIVISION

SUNNY EJENG ARIKPO;
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Petitioner,

1:26-cv-048-H

Civil Action No. _____

v.

WARDEN, BLUEBONNET DETENTION CENTER, et al.,

Respondents;

**MOTION TO EXPEDITE REVIEW OF
PETITION FOR WRIT HABEAS CORPUS.**

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I, SUNNY EJENG ARIKPO, respectfully moves this Honorable Court to expedite review of this petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 2241, and in support states as follows:

1. I have been detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") for more than **eleven (11) months** without a constitutionally adequate custody determination.
2. My continued detention has **caused ongoing and irreparable harm**, including **deterioration of physical health, worsening mental health, severe family hardship**, and the **inability to meaningfully prepare my immigration case**.
3. I am **detained, indigent and proceeding without counsel due to financial hardship**. My **ability to litigate and protect my right is substantially constrained** while in custody, further justifying expedited review.
4. I have a final merits hearing scheduled in Immigration Court on **February 25, 2026**.
5. Under immigration court procedures, all documentary evidence must be submitted no later than **two (2) weeks prior to the merit hearing**, making the evidence deadline on or about **February 11, 2026**.
6. My continued detention at Bluebonnet Detention Center severely restrict my ability to:
 - a. Gather corroborating evidence;
 - b. Communicate effectively with witnesses;
 - c. Obtain medical, financial and abuse related documentation;
 - d. Prepare testimony related to my pending relief applications, including VAWA cancellation of removal and family-based relief.
7. Absent release from detention, I will be unable to adequately prepare and submit required evidence before the deadline, **resulting in substantial prejudice and a denial of due process**.
8. My prolonged detention is further attributable to government – caused delays, including:
 - a. A **bond appeal pending** before the Board of Immigration Appeals for over **180 days without a decision**; and
 - b. A formal adjudicative hold imposed by USCIS pursuant to **Policy Memorandum PM-602-0192**, which has paused adjudication of the family

based petition filed by my U.S citizen spouse due to nationality – based security review.

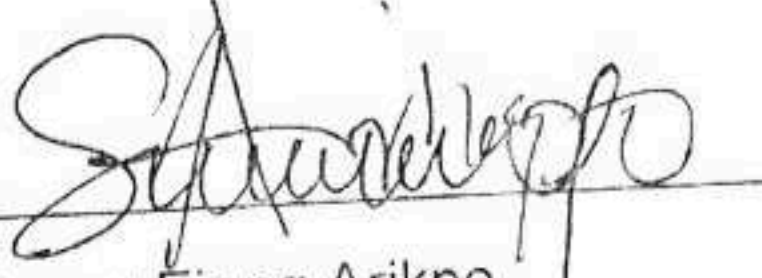
9. Because USCIS has paused an adjudicative hold on my pending relief, **removal is not imminent** and **continued detention** has become **indefinite and punitive**.
10. I have raised **substantial constitutional claims** supported by Supreme Court and federal precedent governing prolonged civil immigration detention.
11. **Without expedited judicial review**, I will **suffer irreparable harm** by being **forced to proceed to a merit hearing while detained** without a **meaningful opportunity to prepare or present my case**.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that this Honorable Court:

- a. Expedite review of the petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus;
- b. Order respondents to file a response on an expedited schedule;
- c. Grant appropriate relief, including immediate release or a prompt bond hearing scheduled sufficiently in advance of the February 25, 2026 merit hearing to allow me to properly prepare and submit all required evidence and
- d. Grant such other and further relief as the court deems just and propose

Respectfully submitted,

Dated January 23, 2026


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