

DECLARATION OF HORACE BELAFONTE

I, Horace Belafonte, declare as follows:

1. I have been employed with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Enforcement and Removal Operations (ICE/ERO) since March 25, 2024. I currently serve as a Deportation Officer assigned to the Non-Detained Unit in Atlanta, Georgia.
2. In my capacity as Deportation Officer, I am the officer assigned to the case of Quoc Thai Minh Thuy (Petitioner), whose alien registration number is A [REDACTED] I have reviewed the relevant documents from the Petitioner's alien file (A-file) and/or other official government records related to Petitioner's removal proceedings and, unless otherwise stated, this declaration is based on that review and my official duties.
3. Petitioner is a native and citizen of Vietnam. He was admitted to the United States on or about March 13, 1991, at Seattle, Washington. On May 29, 1992, the Petitioner adjusted his status to that of a lawful permanent resident pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) Section 209(a). By operation of law, his lawful permanent resident status commenced as of the date of his admission into the United States.
4. On October 9, 1998, Petitioner was convicted in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia for the offense of Conspiracy to Engage in a Pattern of Racketeering Activity in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d). Exhibit A.
5. On January 25, 1999, a United States District Judge ordered Petitioner removed from the United States to Vietnam. Exhibit A.
6. On March 5, 1999, the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) lodged an immigration detainer against Petitioner. At that time, Petitioner's estimated release date from criminal custody was September 6, 2012. Exhibit B.
7. On October 3, 2012, Petitioner entered ICE custody from the United States Penitentiary in Atlanta where he was serving his criminal sentence. Exhibit C, Forms I-200, I-286.
8. On December 14, 2012, ICE/ERO released Petitioner under an Order of Supervision. See Exhibit D, Form I-220B.
9. On April 30, 2026, ICE/ERO officers encountered Petitioner during a scheduled reporting session. Officers conducted a records check and determined that circumstances had changed and ICE could now effectuate his removal.
10. On the same date, Detention and Deportation Officer Jessie Gonzalez, with ICE Headquarters Removal Management Division, signed a notice revoking Petitioner's OSUP. Petitioner was

served the notice and given an opportunity to respond to the revocation; he declined to provide any statements. Exhibit E, Form 71-091.

11. There is a significant likelihood that Petitioner will be removed to Vietnam in the reasonably foreseeable future. The government of Vietnam is currently issuing travel documents to Vietnamese nationals and ICE/ERO is removing Vietnamese nationals.
12. Removals to Vietnam have significantly increased since fiscal year 2024 during which ICE removed 58 Vietnamese nationals from the U.S. including 1 Vietnamese national who entered the U.S. prior to 1995, 55 who entered after 1995, and 2 with unknown entry dates.
13. In fiscal year 2025, ICE/ERO removed a total of 699 individuals to Vietnam, 102 who entered the U.S. prior to 1995, 458 who entered after 1995, and 139 with unknown entry dates.
14. So far, in fiscal year 2026, ICE/ERO has removed 1,389 individuals to Vietnam, 213 who entered the U.S. prior to 1995, 875 who entered after 1994, and 301 with unknown entry dates.
15. On average, in fiscal year 2026, ICE/ERO conducts approximately 1.14 charter flights per month to Vietnam.
16. On May 4, 2026, ICE/ERO submitted documents for translation, which was believed to be required by the Vietnamese consulate as part of the travel document request process.
17. Petitioner is presently detained at the Robert A Deyton Detention Facility under the authority of INA § 241(a)(1).

Pursuant to Title 28, U.S. Code Section 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, this the 5th day of May, 2026.



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