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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
WESTERN DIVISION**

EVER CAX
Petitioner,

v.

RAFAEL VERGARA et al.,
Respondents

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:26-cv-00054-
DCB-BWR**

I. PETITIONER’S RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Petitioner, Ever Cax (hereinafter “Petitioner”), through undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this Response to the Order to Show Cause, dated March 17, 2026, directing the parties to address whether Petitioner is currently in ICE custody and, if so, where, and if he is no longer in ICE custody, whether his habeas petition is now moot.

On March 20, 2026, and March 23, 2026, Petitioner’s counsel called the Adams County Correctional Center located in Natchez, Mississippi, and spoke with detention officers at the facility. Counsel’s phone call with the facility confirmed that Petitioner remains in the constructive and physical custody of the Respondents at the Adams County Correctional Center, notwithstanding their absence from the online locator system. As Petitioner remains in custody within this District, this Court maintains jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, and his habeas petition remains ripe.

Respectfully Submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on this 30 day of March 2026, I served the foregoing via CM/ECF upon counsel for Respondents, including the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi and the Office of Immigration Litigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

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