

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

Walter A.,

Petitioner,

v.

David Easterwood, Director of St. Paul Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Kristi Noem, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security; Mike Stasko, Administrator of the Freeborn County Jail; Todd Lyons, Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Pamela Bondi, Attorney General of the United States; and Joseph Edlow, Director, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, in their official capacities,

Respondents.

No. 26-cv-1393 (SRN/LIB)

BRIEFING ORDER

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David W. Fuller, U.S. Attorney's Office, 300 S. 4th St., Minneapolis, MN 55415, for Respondents

SUSAN RICHARD NELSON, United States District Judge

Pending before the Court is the Motion for Temporary Restraining Order ("TRO Motion") [Doc. No. 5] and Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus Doc. No. 1] filed by Petitioner Walter A.

With respect to these matters, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. As to the TRO Motion,
 - a. The Court shares Petitioner's concerns that he may be precluded from attending his February 17, 2026 USCIS biometrics appointment, which may jeopardize his U visa application. The Court directs Respondents to address this issue in response to the TRO Motion, which shall be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 14, 2026;
 - b. Petitioner's reply memorandum to the TRO Motion may be filed no later than February 15, 2026; and
 - c. The Court will consider the TRO Motion on the papers, without a hearing.
2. As to the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus,
 - a. Respondents shall file a response no later than February 27, 2026;
 - b. Petitioner may file a reply to the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus no later than March 6, 2026; and
 - c. The Court will consider the Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus on the papers without a hearing.
3. The Order Precluding Removal [Doc. No. 4] remains in place pending further Order of the Court.

Dated: February 13, 2026

s/Susan Richard Nelson
SUSAN RICHARD NELSON
United States District Judge