

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
(Baltimore Division)

LUIS ARMANDO ALONZO CORTES, *

Petitioner, * Case No. 1:26-cv-00588-GLR

v. *

VERNON LIGGINS, *et al.*, *

Respondents. *

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JOINT STATUS REPORT

Petitioner, Luis Armando Alonzo Cortes, and Respondents, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) Acting Field Office Director for of Baltimore Vernon Liggins, ICE Deputy Assistant Director for Field Operations Eastern Division Enforcement and Removal Operations Matthew Elliston, United States Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, and United States Attorney General Pamela Bondi, by and through their respective undersigned counsel, by and through their respective undersigned counsel, submit this Joint Status Report in accordance with the Court’s January 21, 2026 Order (ECF No. 8) and state:

1. On February 17, 2026, Petitioner’s filed a motion with the Immigration Court requesting a bond hearing pursuant to the Court’s February 17, 2026 Order.
2. On February 17, 2026, the Immigration Court scheduled a bond hearing for Petitioner for February 20, 2026 at 10:00 AM local time.
3. On February 20, 2026, the Immigration Court held a bond hearing for Petitioner. The Immigration Judge granted Petitioner bond in the amount of \$18,000.

4. On February 23, 2026, Petitioner paid the bond. On February 24, 2026, the bond payment was approved and posted, and Petitioner was released from custody.

5. The parties agree that this case may now be closed.

Dated: February 26, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 26th day of February, 2026, a copy of the foregoing Joint Status Report was served electronically on all parties and counsel receiving service via CM/ECF in this case.

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