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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
14 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
15 **EASTERN DIVISION**

16 B.S.Z., a minor; A.M.C.R., a minor;
17 K.M.O.R., a minor; and Erica
18 Santamaria, as Next Friend of minors,
19 Petitioners,

20 v.

21 ANA BABUDAR, Federal Field
22 Specialist, Office of Refugee
23 Resettlement; RUBY HERNANDEZ,
24 Federal Field Specialist, Office of
25 Refugee Resettlement; NIKY HYMEL,
26 Federal Field Specialist Supervisor,
27 Office of Refugee Resettlement; ALEX
28 J. ADAMS, Assistant Secretary of the
Administration for Children and
Families; ANGIE SALAZAR, Acting
Director of the Office of Refugee
Resettlement; and ROBERT F.
KENNEDY, JR., Secretary of the U.S.
Department of Health and Human
Services,

Respondents.

Case No. 5:26-CV-701

Hon. Patricia Donahue

**PETITIONER'S STATUS REPORT
RE TREATMENT OF A.M.C.R. IN
ORR CUSTODY**

**[Declaration of Cynthia Felix In
Support of Petitioners' Status Report
Re Treatment of A.M.C.R. In ORR
filed concurrently herewith]**

Petitioners, by and through their counsel of record, respectfully submit this status report following Respondent's status report filed on May 8, 2026. The information is being provided to inform the Court about A.M.C.R.'s well-being in his 297 days in ORR custody such that the Court should recommend that the District Judge order the immediate release of A.M.C.R. to his biological father.

STATUS REPORT

On April 30, 2026, information regarding the care and treatment of A.M.C.R. was brought to the attention of ImmDef staff. *See* Declaration of Cynthia Felix In Support of Petitioners' Status Report Re Treatment of A.M.C.R. in ORR, at ¶¶ 2-4. A newly arrived UC shared concerns that the resource parent is "tough" on A.M.C.R. and regularly yells at him. at ¶ 5. The UC also shared that the resource parent puts A.M.C.R. in his room as punishment for touching things around the house. *Id.* The UC shared that she sometimes feels uncomfortable in the resource home because of how the resource parent scolds A.M.C.R. and how the resource parent leaves A.M.C.R. alone in one of the rooms as he cries. *Id.*

On May 1, 2026, undersigned counsel notified the subcontracted care facility, the UC Ombuds Office, and the ORR National Call Center Hotline, to prompt an investigation into the matter given the UC's tender age and inability to voice his experiences. *Id.* at ¶ 7. On May 6, 20206, A.M.C.R.'s case manager informed undersigned counsel that all the children, including A.M.C.R., were removed from the home. *Id.* at ¶ 8.

Additionally, the medical condition Respondent's reference in their status report

1 was noted by ORR upon A.M.C.R.'s arrival almost approximately 290 days ago. *Id*
2 at ¶ 10. Given ORR's pattern and practice of hindering prompt reunification, there
3 is reason to believe their projected timeline "to be in a position to approve release"
4 will be further delayed if the child is not medically cleared. *Id* at ¶ 12. A.M.C.R.'s
5 father is ready, willing, and able to provide all the medical care and attention his
6 child needs. *Id* at ¶ 11.

8 This information demonstrates that release of A.M.C.R. to a sponsor is
9 imminent, and further delay will only lead to more instances of neglect in ORR
10 custody.

12 Dated: May 8, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

14 /s/ Cynthia Isabel Felix

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