

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

Civil Action No. 26-cv-00614-SKC

RAUL FLORES RODRIGUEZ,

Petitioner,

v.

JUAN BALTAZAR, Warden of the Denver Contract Detention Facility, Aurora, Colorado, in his official capacity;
GEORGE VALDEZ, Acting Field Office Director, Denver Field Office, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in his official capacity;
KRISTI NOEM, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in her official capacity;
TODD LYONS, Acting Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in his official capacity; and
PAM BONDI, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, in her official capacity,

Respondents.

STATUS REPORT

Respondents submit this Status Report in response to the Court's Order granting the Petition in this case, ECF No. 15. That Order required Respondents to "immediately release Mr. Flores Rodriguez from detention" and, if he resides outside of Colorado and is only in this state because Respondents transferred him here, to transport him back to his place of residence outside of Colorado at Respondents' expense within 36 hours of the Order. *Id.* at 5-6. The Court further

ordered Respondents to “confirm in writing Petitioner’s release from custody and, if necessary, his return home” on or before Monday, March 2, 2026. *Id.* at 6.

Respondents hereby confirm that Petitioner was released from custody on February 26, 2026. Because Petitioner resides in Colorado, Respondents did not transport him elsewhere upon his release.

Because complete habeas relief has been effectuated, Respondents submit that the next appropriate steps for the Court to take in this case are: (1) to enter final judgment in this matter, and (2) to vacate the Order, ECF No. 7 (entered February 17, 2026) enjoining Respondents from removing Petitioner from the District of Colorado or the United States to preserve the Court’s jurisdiction during the pendency of this case.

Dated: March 2, 2026

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 2, 2026, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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