

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

Civil Action No. 26-cv-00664-CNS

MORY CHERIF,

Petitioner,

v.

PAMELA BONDI, Attorney General,  
KRISTI NOEM, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security,  
TODD M. LYONS, Acting Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement,  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement,  
DAREN K. MARGOLIN, Director for Executive Office for Immigration Review,  
Executive Office for Immigration Review,  
ROBERT HAGAN, Director of the Denver Field Office for U.S. Immigration and Customs  
Enforcement, and  
JUAN BALTAZAR, Warden, Denver Contract Detention Facility, Aurora, Colorado,

Respondents.

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**STATUS REPORT**

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Respondents submit this Status Report pursuant to the Court's Order, ECF No. 12 (entered Feb. 23, 2026). In that Order, the Court granted Petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus, ordered his immediate release from custody, and directed Respondents to file "a status report within TWO DAYS of this Order"—that is, no later than February 25, 2026—"to certify compliance."

In compliance with the Court's Order, Petitioner was released from custody on February 23, 2026.

Because habeas relief has been effectuated, Respondents submit that the next

appropriate steps for the Court to take in this case are: (1) to vacate the Order, ECF No. 8 (entered Feb. 18, 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, and (2) for the Court to enter final judgment in this matter.

Respectfully submitted February 25, 2026.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on February 25, 2026, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to counsel of record.

s/ Jennifer R. Lake  
U.S. Attorney's Office