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Honorable Eric Komitee
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: *Garcia v. Department of Homeland Security, et al.* No. 26-cv-798 (EK)

Dear Judge Komitee:

This Office represents Respondents in the above-referenced habeas action. On February 12, 2026, before counsel from this Office appeared, this action was transferred *sua sponte* to the District of New Jersey. Upon transfer, counsel for the U.S. Attorney's Office of the District of New Jersey entered appearances on the docket, and the parties stipulated to transfer the action back to this District, which stipulation was so-ordered. The re-transfer was effectuated on February 19, 2026. On the same date Your Honor Ordered Respondents to show cause why the petition should not be granted by February 25, 2026, or else to release Petitioner or provide a bond hearing by March, 5, 2026. On March 4, 2026, Respondents provided a status update reflecting that a bond hearing had been scheduled for March 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. (see enclosed document). By order dated March 10, 2026, Your Honor directed the parties to provide a status report by March 12, 2026, "confirming or denying that the hearing in question has occurred." Respondents respectfully submit this letter in response to the March 10 Order.

Respondents respectfully report that the March 5, 2026 bond hearing was indeed held, and that Petitioner was released on bond. *See* Ex. A (Order of Immigration Judge, dated March 5, 2026). Inasmuch as Petitioner has been released, Respondents respectfully submit that this habeas action predicated on Petitioner's detention is moot, but have not been able to reach opposing counsel to determine his position. Respondents respectfully propose that they file a further status report in one week if the parties do not file a stipulation of dismissal before that time.

Thank you for the Court's time and attention to this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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