

AO 242 (Rev. 09/17) Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the District of Maryland

MIRIAM RAMIREZ CUAUTLE

Petitioner

v.

Nikita Baker, Field Office Director, ICE ERO; Todd M. Lyons, Acting ICE Director; Kristi Noem, Secretary of the Dept. of Homeland Security and Pamela Jo Bondi

Respondent

(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

Case No. 1:26-CV-000871 (Supplied by Clerk of Court)

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241

Personal Information

- 1. (a) Your full name: Miriam Ramirez Cuautle
(b) Other names you have used:
2. Place of confinement:
(a) Name of institution: Baltimore Holding Cell, Fallon Federal Building
(b) Address: 31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD
(c) Your identification number:
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
[checked] Federal authorities [ ] State authorities [ ] Other - explain:
4. Are you currently:
[ ] A pretrial detainee (waiting for trial on criminal charges)
[ ] Serving a sentence (incarceration, parole, probation, etc.) after having been convicted of a crime
If you are currently serving a sentence, provide:
(a) Name and location of court that sentenced you:
(b) Docket number of criminal case:
(c) Date of sentencing:
[ ] Being held on an immigration charge
[ ] Other (explain):

Decision or Action You Are Challenging

- 5. What are you challenging in this petition:
[ ] How your sentence is being carried out, calculated, or credited by prison or parole authorities (for example, revocation or calculation of good time credits)

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- Pretrial detention
- Immigration detention
- Detainer
- The validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed (for example, sentence beyond the statutory maximum or improperly calculated under the sentencing guidelines)
- Disciplinary proceedings
- Other (explain): I am being held illegally with no ability to request a bond. I have not received a notice to appear and no other charging document has been filed against since my initial detention on February 22, 2026.

6. Provide more information about the decision or action you are challenging:

- (a) Name and location of the agency or court: \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Decision or action you are challenging (for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Date of the decision or action: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Earlier Challenges of the Decision or Action**

7. **First appeal**

Did you appeal the decision, file a grievance, or seek an administrative remedy?

- Yes
- No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not appeal: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. **Second appeal**

After the first appeal, did you file a second appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

- Yes
- No

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(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a second appeal: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. **Third appeal**

After the second appeal, did you file a third appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

Yes  No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a third appeal: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10. **Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255**

In this petition, are you challenging the validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed?

Yes  No

If "Yes," answer the following:

(a) Have you already filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 that challenged this conviction or sentence?

Yes  No

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If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Case number: \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Have you ever filed a motion in a United States Court of Appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), seeking permission to file a second or successive Section 2255 motion to challenge this conviction or sentence?

Yes  No

If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Case number: \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Explain why the remedy under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is inadequate or ineffective to challenge your conviction or sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Appeals of immigration proceedings**

Does this case concern immigration proceedings?

Yes  No

If "Yes," provide:

- (a) Date you were taken into immigration custody: 02/22/2026
- (b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?

Yes  No

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If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Case number: \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Did you appeal the decision to the United States Court of Appeals?

Yes  No

If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Case number: \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

12. **Other appeals**

Other than the appeals you listed above, have you filed any other petition, application, or motion about the issues raised in this petition?

Yes  No

If "Yes," provide:

- (a) Kind of petition, motion, or application: \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Name of the authority, agency, or court: \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (g) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Grounds for Your Challenge in This Petition**

- 13. State every ground (reason) that supports your claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground. Any legal arguments must be submitted in a separate memorandum.

**GROUND ONE:** I am being detained following a warrantless arrest in violation of the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

On Sunday, February 22, 2026 while traveling to work, I was a passenger in a car stopped by three police vehicles. I was arrested without a warrant, no charges have been filed, I have not been served with a notice to appear and I have not been before a judicial officer.

(b) Did you present Ground One in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes  No

**GROUND TWO:** The conditions in which I am being held are inhumane

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

I am being held in a cell with forty women. There is only one bathroom for all of us and no shower. We do not have toiletries including soap. I am wearing the same clothes since the day I was detained. There are not enough cots for us to sleep on so we have to sleep on the floor or leaning against one another.

(b) Did you present Ground Two in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes  No

**GROUND THREE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

(b) Did you present Ground Three in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes  No

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**GROUND FOUR:**

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

(b) Did you present Ground Four in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes  No

14. If there are any grounds that you did not present in all appeals that were available to you, explain why you did not:

**Request for Relief**

15. State exactly what you want the court to do: I ask this Court to order my immediate release from detention, or in the alternative, issue and Order to Show Cause ordering the Respondent's to file a response to my petition for writ of habeas corpus within 3 business days and to exercise and maintain jurisdiction over my petition for writ of habeas corpus in the event my physical location is transferred outside the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

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**Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury**

If you are incarcerated, on what date did you place this petition in the prison mail system:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the petitioner, I have read this petition or had it read to me, and the information in this petition is true and correct. I understand that a false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution for perjury.

Date: 03/02/2026

/s/ Michelle J. Moodispaw  
*Signature of Petitioner*

Michelle J. Moodispaw, counsel for Miriam Ramierz Cuautle  
*Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any*

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