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VIA CM/ECF
Hon. Elizabeth C. Coombe
U.S. District Judge
Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse
100 S. Clinton Street
Syracuse, New York 13261

Re: ***Mendez v. Field Office Director*: Request Regarding Hearing Time**
Case No.: 9:26-cv-00337-ECC

Dear Judge Coombe:

This office represents the Federal Respondents.[1] I am the Assistant United States Attorney assigned to handle this case. Yesterday, this Court's Order to Show Cause set a hearing for March 13, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., in Syracuse, New York. I have also previously been ordered to virtually appear before Chief Judge Sannes at 10:00 a.m. on March 13, 2026, by an Order to Show Cause dated February 26, 2026, and entered in *Hassan v. Bondi, et. al.*, Case 9:26-cv-00319. To avoid a potential conflict, the Federal Respondents respectfully request that the Court set a new hearing time. I have conferred with Petitioner's counsel. He has a hearing at 1:00 p.m. but he is available during the morning on February 26, 2026. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully Submitted:

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[1] The Federal Respondents are FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Albany Field Office, KRISTI NOEM, in her official capacity as Secretary of Homeland Security, TODD LYONS, in his official capacity as Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and PAMELA BONDI, in her official capacity as Attorney General.

CC: Counsel for Petitioner (via CM/ECF)