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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

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PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
(28 U.S.C. § 2241)

Petitioner: JULIO CESAR CASTANO-ORDONEZ

A-Number: 

Filed by: Bibi Ateeka Ordonez, Spouse and Next Friend

Current Place of Detention: Folkston D. Ray ICE Processing Center, Folkston, Georgia

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I. INTRODUCTION

This Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus is respectfully submitted pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 by Bibi Ateeka Ordonez, lawful spouse and acting Next Friend of Petitioner Julio Cesar Castano-Ordenez. Petitioner is a citizen of Colombia who is currently detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at the Folkston D. Ray ICE Processing Center in Georgia. This Petition challenges the legality and constitutionality of Petitioner's continued civil immigration detention.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 to review the legality of Petitioner's detention. Federal courts retain habeas jurisdiction over challenges to immigration detention that violate the Constitution or laws of the United States. Venue is proper in this District because Petitioner is physically detained within the Southern District of Georgia.

III. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Petitioner entered the United States and subsequently applied for asylum after demonstrating a credible fear of persecution if returned to Colombia. Petitioner has no final order of removal and remains in ongoing removal proceedings. Despite his compliance with immigration requirements and the absence of any criminal convictions that would mandate detention, Petitioner remains confined under ICE custody for a prolonged and unreasonable period of time.

Petitioner has strong family and community ties within the United States. His spouse, Bibi Ateeka Ordonez, resides lawfully in New York and has provided verifiable identification and a fixed address. Petitioner has previously been granted employment authorization and parole, further demonstrating that he is neither a danger to the community nor a flight risk.

IV. UNLAWFUL AND PROLONGED DETENTION

Immigration detention is civil in nature and may not be punitive. Prolonged detention without a meaningful opportunity to seek release violates the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment. Petitioner has been detained for an extended period without an individualized bond hearing that meets constitutional standards.

Courts have repeatedly held that indefinite or prolonged immigration detention without procedural safeguards is unconstitutional. The government bears the burden of justifying continued detention, particularly where less restrictive alternatives to detention are available. In this case, ICE has failed to demonstrate that Petitioner's continued confinement is necessary or lawful.

V. VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS

Petitioner's continued detention violates substantive and procedural due process. He has been deprived of liberty without adequate justification, individualized findings, or periodic review. Detention under these circumstances exceeds the government's civil authority and constitutes an unconstitutional restraint on liberty.

VI. RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant the Writ of Habeas Corpus and order his immediate release from ICE custody. In the alternative, Petitioner requests that the Court order the government to provide a prompt and constitutionally adequate bond hearing before an Immigration Judge, with the burden placed on the government to justify continued detention.

Respectfully submitted,

Bibi Ateeka Ordonez

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Spouse and Next Friend of Petitioner



Date: February 23, 2026