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Case NO. 1:26-CV-05191-KES-SAB

Dear honorable Judge,

I Mercy Rebecca Cowo would like to submit this reply to the government's response to my writ of habeus corpus petition.

On March 26, 2025 I was released from orange county jail by the criminal court on my own recognizance. The charges from that arrest have been dropped/dismissed. I was detained by DHS and have been in ICE custody since then.

On April 4, 2025 I appeared for a custody redetermination hearing without an attorney and without requesting that hearing because I did not know what a custody re determination hearing was. I was then told by the judge that she had no jurisdiction to give me bail also it would be a good idea to withdraw because the hearing is only given one time and I would not get another.

On October 3, 2025 IJ Guy Grande granted my motion to terminate proceedings due to a defective NTA. He then scheduled

an individual hearing for November 2025

On October 12, 2025 I was transferred to California City detention facility. The transfer interrupted and delayed my proceedings, I had absolutely no control over it. In addition was not given an individual hearing until June 10, 2026.

At this time, regarding my immigration case my attorney has now submitted a motion for appeal which could take anywhere from 2 months to a year. So as you can see, my proceedings are no where near an end.

In conclusion my prolonged detention is excessive, and in no way "brief." The accusation that delays have been by "my choice" is incorrect. I respectfully ask that my habeus corpus petition be considered with compassion and ultimately granted.

Thank You for your time.

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