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

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Middle District of Georgia

PEROZO-BERMUDEZ, DIEGO JOSE
(Alien No: [redacted])

Petitioner

v.

WARDEN, STEWART DETENTION CENTER
ATLANTA FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR,
SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY,

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

Case No. _____
(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: DIEGO JOSE PEROZO BERMUDEZ
   (b) Other names you have used:
2. Place of confinement:
   (a) Name of institution: STEWART DETENTION CENTER
   (b) Address: 146 CCA ROAD LUMPKIN, GA 31815
   (c) Your identification number: [redacted]
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
   ☑ 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)

❒ 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)*:

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

(a) Name and location of the agency or court: STEWART IMMIGRATION COURT LUMPKIN, GEORGIA

(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: [redacted]

(c) Decision or action you are challenging *(for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed)*:
The Immigration Judge's June 25, 2026 decision denying Petitioner's request for a bond hearing after concluding that the Immigration Court lacked jurisdiction because Petitioner was subject to mandatory detention under INA § 235(b). Petitioner also challenges his continued detention by DHS without an individualized custody determination under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).

(d) Date of the decision or action: June 25, 2026

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: The Immigration Judge denied bond for lack of jurisdiction. This Petition challenges the legality of Petitioner's detention under 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

8. **Second appeal**

After the first appeal, did you file a second 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 second appeal: No second appeal was filed because no first appeal was taken.

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: No third appeal was filed because no second appeal was taken.

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

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: June 9, 2026

(b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order:

(c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?

❒ Yes ☑ No

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:

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: Petitioner is unlawfully detained under INA § 235(b) instead of 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).

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

Petitioner entered the United States in May 2021 and remained continuously present until ICE detained him on June 9, 2026. he Immigration Judge denied bond solely because the court concluded it lacked jurisdiction, without making an individualized custody determination.

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

GROUND TWO: Petitioner's continued detention violates the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendme

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

Petitioner has no criminal history, has a pending asylum application, and has strong family ties in the United States He remains detained without any individualized determination that he is a danger to the community or a flight risk.

(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

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: The Immigration Judge denied bond solely for lack of jurisdiction. No administrative appeal was pursued because this Petition challenges the legality of Petitioner's detention under 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

Request for Relief

15. State exactly what you want the court to do: Order Respondents to provide Petitioner with a prompt individualized bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a),or alternatively order Petitioner's immediate release if such hearing is not timely provided.

Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

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

_____

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: 07/10/2026

_____
Signature of Petitioner

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Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any

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