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Hon. Mary Kay Vyskocil
United States District Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: I.E.T.P. v. Mullin, et al. No. 26 CV 6490 (MKV)

Dear Judge Vyskocil:

This Office represents Respondents in this habeas corpus action brought by the minor petitioner I.E.T.P. ("Petitioner") through his next friend and older brother, A.R.T.P., in which he challenged his continuing custody by the Office of Refugee Resettlement ("ORR"). On August 18, 2026, the Court issued an order directing Respondents to provide the following information: (i) "the results of the Division of Vetting Report"; and (ii) "whether [ORR] intends to release Petitioner to A.R.T.P." Dkt. No. 19. I write respectfully to provide that response. The Division of Vetting Report did not indicate any child welfare concerns that would preclude release of I.E.T.P. to his sponsor, A.R.T.P. Upon receipt of this information, ORR released Petitioner to A.R.T.P. on August 18, 2026.

In light of ORR's release of Petitioner, this action is moot. This Court so held in another habeas petition brought by an unaccompanied minor in which the minor was released by ORR after the petition was filed. *E.G.V.A. v. Sanchez, et al.*, 26 CV 02258 (MKV), 2026 WL 2254646, at *2 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 5, 2026). In *E.G.V.A.*, the Court held that upon the petitioner's release, which was "the precise relief he sought," the petition was "rendered . . . moot." *Id.* at 2. Likewise here, the Petition should be dismissed for mootness.

Respectfully submitted,

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