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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

TRACY ATEH
Petitioner

v.

Case No. _____
(Supplied by Clerk of Court)

WARDEN STEWART DETENTION CENTER
MELISSA HAPIPER FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR ICE ERO ATLANTA TODD LYONS ACTING DIRECTOR ICE
Respondent
(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241

Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: TRACY AFUH OGECHI ATEH
   (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: A[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: ICE ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL OPERATIONS (ERO) STEWART

(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number:

(c) Decision or action you are challenging *(for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed)*:

MANDATORY DETENTION

(d) Date of the decision or action:

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: IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE) ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL OPERATIONS (ERO)

(2) Date of filing: JUNE 2, 2026

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: N/A

(4) Result: N/A

(5) Date of result: N/A

(6) Issues raised: REQUEST FOR PAROLE OR RELEASE ON OWN RECOGNIZANCE

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not appeal:

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:

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:

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: JANUARY 21, 2026

(b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: JULY 26, 2006

(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: DETENTION NO LONGER AUTHORIZED

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 Do not cite cases or law.)*:

MY FINAL ORDER WAS ISSUED JULY 26, 2006 WHICH I WAS THEN GRANTED WITHHOLDING OF REMOVAL FROM THAT ORDER. I WAS DETAINED JANUARY 21, 2026 AND BROUGHT TO STEWART DETENTION CENTER JANUARY 23, 2026; MORE THAN 6 MONTHS AGO TO DATE.

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

GROUND TWO: NO ATTEMPT AT IDENTIFYING A 3rd COUNTRY FOR REMOVAL HAS BEEN MADE

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 Do not cite cases or law.)*:

ON APRIL 23, 2026 MY FINAL ORDER WAS AMENDED BUT NO ATTEMPT AT GAINING TRAVEL DOCUMENTS HAS BEEN MADE. MY DEPORTATION OFFICER HAS STATED I AM "NOT ON HIS DOCKET" TO GAIN TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

GROUND THREE: REMOVAL IS NOT LIKELY IN THE REASONABLY FORSEEABLE FUTURE

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

I HAVE NOT BEEN PRESENTED WITH ANY ALTERNATIVE COUNTRIES TO GO TO. IF SUCH A COUNTRY WAS PRESENTED, I AM ENTITLED TO FILE FOR ASYLUM OR WITHHOLDING OF REMOVAL FROM SAID COUNTRY.

(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.

Request for Relief

15. State exactly what you want the court to do: PETITIONER RESPECTFULLY REQUEST IMMEDIATE RELEASE FROM ICE CUSTODY PETITIONER FURTHER REQUEST ANY OTHER RELIEF THE COURT DEEMS JUST AND PROPER

Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

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

AUGUST 13, 2026

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. 8/13/26

Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any