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8	Plaintiff,	PLAINTIFF'S CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT AND PETITION FOR WRIT
9	v.	OF HABEAS CORPUS
10	Laura HERMOSILLO,1 et al.,	
11	Defendants.	
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22		efendant Laura Hermosillo is the current Acting Field Office
23	Director for ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations in Drew Bostock.	n Seattle, WA, and is automatically substituted for Defendant
24	DEFENDANTS' ANSWER [Case No. 3:25-CV-05240-TMC]	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CIVIL DIVISION, OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION LITIGATION P.O. BOX 878, BEN FRANKLIN STATION

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Defendants, by and through undersigned counsel, answer Plaintiff Ramon Rodriguez Vazquez's Class Action Complaint and Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus. ECF No. 1. Defendants deny all allegations not specifically admitted.

INTRODUCTION²

- 1. Defendants aver that Mr. Rodriguez Vazquez is an alien who voluntarily departed the United States and is no longer in Defendants' custody at Northwest ICE Processing Center (NWIPC). See ECF No. 49 at 14. The remaining allegations in this paragraph consist of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
- 2. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 3. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 4. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants

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² Defendants have included the headings listed in the Complaint to a ssist in reading the pleadings and do not admit the accuracy or appropriateness of the headings.

- further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 5. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 6. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of the processes related to further review of an immigration judge's ("IJ's") bond determinations, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
- 7. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his claim and proffered data, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
- 8. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
- 9. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
- 10. This paragraph consists of Plaintiff's characterization of his case and claim for relief for which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants aver that the Court certified a class, see ECF No. 32, but deny that a class should have been certified. ECF No. 23. Defendants aver that to the extent the allegations in this paragraph relate to Plaintiff's Bond

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- Denial Claims, no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 11. This paragraph consists of Plaintiff's characterization of his case and claim for relief for which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants aver that the Court certified a class, see ECF No. 32, but deny that a class should have been certified. ECF No. 23. Defendants aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 12. This paragraph consists of Plaintiff's characterization of his claim and requested relief, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants aver that the Court certified a class, see ECF No. 32, but deny that a class should have been certified. ECF No. 23.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 13. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal authority, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to relief under any provision of law.
- 14. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal authority, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny that the Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims. See ECF No. 49 (Mot. to Dismiss).
- 15. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal authority, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to any relief.

16. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal authority, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants aver that venue would be proper in this district if the Court had jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims but because Defendants deny that the Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims, *see*, *e.g.*, ECF No. 49, Defendants deny that venue is proper.

PARTIES

- 17. Defendants deny the first sentence of this paragraph. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the second sentence of this paragraph and therefore deny. Defendants admit the last sentence of this paragraph.
- 18. Defendants deny the first sentence of this paragraph to the extent that Drew Bostock is no longer the Acting Field Office Director (aFOD) for ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) in Seattle, Washington. Defendants aver that Laura Hermosillo is the current aFOD for ERO in Seattle, WA. As to the second sentence, Defendants admit that Laura Hermosillo, as Seattle aFOD, is Mr. Rodriguez Vazquez's immediate custodian responsible for his detention at NWIPC, and the person with the authority to authorize his detention or release. Defendants aver that Mr. Rodriguez Vazquez voluntarily departed the United States and is no longer in Defendants' custody at Northwest ICE Processing Center (NWIPC). See ECF No. 49 at 14. Defendants admit the third sentence of this paragraph to the extent that the current aFOD is sued in his or her official capacity.
- 19. Defendants admit that Bruce Scott is the GEO Facility Administrator, which is the NWIPC equivalent of a Warden, at the NWIPC, who oversees the day-to-day functioning of NWIPC, and has immediate physical custody of Plaintiff pursuant to a contract with ICE to detain

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1	noncitizens. Defendants admit that Mr. Scott is sued in his official capacity as the Facility
2	Administrator of a federal detention facility. See Castaneda Juarez v. Asher, No. C20-700
3	JLR-MLP, 2021 WL 1946222, at *3-5 (W.D. Wash. May 14, 2021). Defendants deny the
4	remaining allegations in this paragraph.
5	20. Defendants admit this paragraph to the extent that Kristi Noem is the Secretary of Homeland
6	Security (DHS) and is sued in her official capacity. Defendants aver that DHS is one of several
7	federal agencies responsible for implementing and enforcing the Immigration and Nationality
8	Act (INA).
9	21. Defendants admit this paragraph to the extent that DHS is one of several federal agencies
10	responsible for implementing and enforcing the INA, including the detention of aliens.
11	Defendants deny all remaining allegations in this paragraph.
12	22. Admit.
13	23. Admit.
14	24. Defendants deny that Sirce Owen is the Director of EOIR and aver that Sirce Owen is the
15	Acting Director of EOIR. Defendants otherwise admit this paragraph.
16	25. Defendants admit this paragraph to the extent that the Tacoma Immigration Court is the
17	adjudicatory body within EOIR with jurisdiction over the removal and bond cases of
18	individuals detained at NWIPC who are in removal proceedings. To the extent that Plaintiff
19	alleges that all individuals detained at NWIPC are under the jurisdiction of the Tacoma
20	Immigration Court, Defendants deny.
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LEGAL BACKGROUND

Detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) and § 1225(b)(2)

- 26. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 27. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 28. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 29. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 30. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.

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- 31. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 32. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 33. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 34. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 35. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 36. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants

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- 38. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 39. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 40. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 41. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.

- 42. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 43. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 44. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 45. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 46. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 47. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants

- further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 48. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 49. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 50. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 51. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 52. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.

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- 53. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 54. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 55. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.

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- 56. Deny.
- 57. This paragraph consists of Plaintiff's characterization of his claim and proffered data, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants aver that the data referenced by Plaintiff does not accurately reflect the average adjudication times for members of the Bond Appeal Class.
- 58. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.

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- 59. This paragraph consists of Plaintiff's characterization of his claim and proffered data, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants aver that the data referenced by Plaintiff does not accurately reflect the average adjudication times for members of the Bond Appeal Class.
- 60. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law, to which no response is required.

 To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
- 61. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal authority, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
- 62. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal authority, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
- 63. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal authority, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
- 64. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
- 65. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal authority, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
- 66. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.

1	75. Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a basis as to the allegations in
2	this paragraph and therefore deny.
3	76. Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a basis as to the allegations in
4	this paragraph and therefore deny.
5	77. Defendants admit that Mr. Rodriguez Vazquez was arrested on February 5, 2025, at a
6	residential address in Grandview, WA, during a Joint Task Force Operation headed by the
7	Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Defendants further admit that Mr. Rodriguez
8	Vazquez was not arrested or charged for criminal activity.
9	78. Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a basis as to the allegations in
10	this paragraph and therefore deny.
11	79. Defendants admit the first sentence. Defendants further aver that Mr. Rodriguez Vazquez
12	submitted evidence in support of his application but deny his characterization of said evidence.
13	80. Admit.
14	81. Defendants admit that Mr. Rodriguez Vazquez appealed the IJ's order denying the bond
15	hearing. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph. Defendants aver that Mr.
16	Rodriguez Vazquez's appeal is no longer pending because the BIA issued a decision
17	dismissing the appeal on May 23, 2025, following his voluntary departure from the United
18	States. See ECF No. 49 at 14.
19	82. Deny. Defendants aver that Mr. Rodriguez Vazquez has voluntarily departed the United States
20	and therefore deny that he is in Defendants' custody at NWIPC. See ECF No. 49 at 14.
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- 83. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
- 84. Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a basis as to the allegations in this paragraph and therefore deny.
- 85. Deny. Defendants aver that Mr. Rodriguez Vazquez has voluntarily departed the United States and therefore deny that he is in Defendants' custody at NWIPC. *See* ECF No. 49 at 14.
- 86. Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a basis as to the allegations in this paragraph relating to Mr. Rodriguez Vazquez's medical conditions and therefore deny. Defendants aver that Mr. Rodriguez Vazquez has voluntarily departed the United States and is no longer in Defendants' custody at NWIPC. See ECF No. 49 at 14. Defendants further aver that NWIPC is a level four facility, meaning its medical clinic is able to care for patients with complex medical needs. ICE healthcare is a part of ensuring the health and safety of detainees. Daily medication is a part of the care routinely provided. Mr. Rodriguez Vazquez received all his prescriptions to keep on his person and manage himself and had such prescriptions in quantity through August 2025. Defendants further deny that staff at NWIPC have not always provided Mr. Rodriguez Vazquez with the daily medical that his health requires which resulted in significant and at time painful health effects. Defendants further aver that while Mr. Rodriguez Vazquez was detained at NWIPC, he had access to 24/7 medical care, and there was no indication that he reported significant health concerns or made complaints regarding adverse health effects related to his prescribed treatment.

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87. Deny. Defendants aver that Mr. Rodriguez Vazquez has voluntarily departed the United States and therefore deny that he is in Defendants' custody at NWIPC. See ECF No. 49 at 14.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

88. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.

Bond Denial Class

- 89. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 90. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 91. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 92. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants

1	further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final
2	judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
3	93. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of
4	his Bond Denial Claims. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants
5	further aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final
6	judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
7	Bond Appeal Class
8	94. This paragraph consists of Plaintiff's characterization of his claim and request for relief, to
9	which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
10	95. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of
11	his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants
12	deny.
13	96. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of
14	his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants
15	deny.
16	97. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of
17	his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants
18	deny.
19	98. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of
20	his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants
21	deny.
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1 CAUSES OF ACTION 2 **COUNT I** Violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) 3 **Unlawful Denial of Bond Hearings** (on Behalf of Plaintiff and the Bond Denial Class) 4 5 99. Defendants incorporate their answers to the previous paragraphs. 6 100. Count I and this paragraph constitute a cause of action relating to Plaintiff's Bond Denial 7 Claims. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal 8 authority, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants 9 deny. Defendants aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered 10 final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66. 11 101. Count I and this paragraph constitute a cause of action relating to Plaintiff's Bond Denial 12 Claims. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal 13 authority, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants 14 deny. Defendants aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered 15 final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66. 16 102. Count I and this paragraph constitute a cause of action relating to Plaintiff's Bond Denial 17 Claims. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal 18 authority, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants 19 deny. Defendants aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered 20 final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66. 21 22 23

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COUNT II

Violation of the Administrative Procedure Act Unlawful Denial of Bond (on Behalf of Plaintiff and the Bond Denial Class)

103. Defendants incorporate their answers to the previous paragraphs.

- 104. Count II and this paragraph constitute a cause of action relating to Plaintiff's Bond Denial Claims. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal authority, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 105. Count II and this paragraph constitute a cause of action relating to Plaintiff's Bond Denial Claims. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal authority, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66
- 106. Count II and this paragraph constitute a cause of action relating to Plaintiff's Bond Denial Claims. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal authority, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny. Defendants aver that no response to this paragraph is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. See ECF Nos. 65, 66

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1	COUNT III Violation of the Due Due coss Clause of the Fifth Amendment
2	Violation of the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment Delayed Adjudication of Bond Appeals (on Behalf of Plaintiff and the Bond Appeal Class)
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4	107. Defendants incorporate their answers to the previous paragraphs.
5	108. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal authority,
6	to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
7	109. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization
8	of his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required,
9	Defendants deny.
10	110. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization
11	of his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required,
12	Defendants deny.
13 14	<u>COUNT IV</u> Violation of the Administrative Procedure Act Delayed Adjudication of Bond Appeals (on Behalf of Plaintiff and the Bond Appeal Class)
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16	111. Defendants incorporate their answers to the previous paragraphs.
17	112. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and citation to legal authority,
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19	113. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law, to which no response is required.
20	To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
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- 114. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.
- 115. This paragraph consists of statements or conclusions of law and Plaintiff's characterization of his claim, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

A.

- 1. This paragraph constitutes Plaintiff's request for relief, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested or to any relief from Defendants.
- 2. This paragraph constitutes Plaintiff's request for relief, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested or to any relief from Defendants. Further, parts of this request for relief relate to Plaintiff's Bond Denial Claims. No response is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 3. This paragraph constitutes Plaintiff's request for relief, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested or to any relief from Defendants. Further, this request for relief relates to Plaintiff's Bond Denial Claims. No response is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.

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- 4. This paragraph constitutes Plaintiff's request for relief, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested or to any relief from Defendants.
- 5. This paragraph constitutes Plaintiff's request for relief, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested or to any relief from Defendants.

B.

- 1. This paragraph constitutes Plaintiff's request for relief, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested or to any relief from Defendants. Further, this request for relief relates to Plaintiff's Bond Denial Claims. No response is necessary because the Court entered final judgment on those claims. *See* ECF Nos. 65, 66.
- 2. This paragraph constitutes Plaintiff's request for relief, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested or to any relief from Defendants. Further, no response is necessary because the Court has already granted Plaintiff the ultimate relief requested in this paragraph. *See* ECF No. 29.
- 3. This paragraph constitutes Plaintiff's request for relief, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested or to any relief from Defendants.
- 4. This paragraph constitutes Plaintiff's request for relief, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled

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to the relief requested or to any relief from Defendants. Defendants aver that this
request for relief is moot as Named Plaintiff is no longer in Defendants' custody a
NWIPC and has voluntarily departed the United States. <i>See</i> ECF No. 49 at 11.

- C. This paragraph constitutes Plaintiff's request for relief, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested or to any relief from Defendants.
- **D.** This paragraph constitutes Plaintiff's request for relief, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested or to any relief from Defendants.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Any allegations to which a response is deemed necessary, and which have not been admitted, denied, or otherwise responded to herein, are hereby denied. All actions taken by Defendants were grounded in good faith and are not in violation of any federal law or the United States Constitution. e right to amend, alter, and supplement the defenses contained in this Answer as stances giving rise to this Complaint become known to Defendants through the n. Without waiver of their Answer and without conceding any issues regarding Sendants assert the following affirmative defenses:

- ourt lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter.
- 2. 8 U.S.C. § 1252 precludes review of the Bond Appeal Claims.
- 3. Plaintiff is not entitled to relief, attorneys' fees, costs of suit, or damages whatsoever.

1	DEFENDANT	S' REQUEST FOR RELIEF	
2	WHEREFORE, Defendants pray for judgment as follows:		
3	1. That judgment be entered for Defendants and against Plaintiff;		
4	2. That Plaintiff's Complaint and action be dismissed in its entirety as to Defendants;		
5	3. That Defendants be awarded their costs and disbursements in this action; and		
6	4. That Defendants be awarded such other and further relief as the Court may deem		
7	appropriate.		
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