

**ENTERED**

April 17, 2026

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
LAREDO DIVISION**

<b>MARIA LUNA GUERRA-MARTINEZ,</b>	§	
<b>Petitioner,</b>	§	
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<b>V.</b>	§	<b>CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:26-CV-00670</b>
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<b>TODD BLANCHE, et al.,</b>	§	
<b>Respondents.</b>	§	

**ORDER**

Before the Court is Petitioner’s Original Verified Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 and Request for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, (Dkt. No. 1). Petitioner challenges the constitutionality of her detention in federal immigration custody. Petitioner names Todd Blanche, Acting U.S. Attorney General; Markwayne Mullin, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Todd Lyons, Acting Director of ICE; Daren K. Margolin, Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review; Miguel Vergara, ICE Field Office Director; and Orlando Perez, Warden of Laredo Processing Center, as Respondents.

Based upon a review of the Petition, the Court **ORDERS** Respondents to file a response to the petition and serve their response on Petitioner **no later than April 24, 2026**. 28 U.S.C. § 2243. Respondents should attach relevant evidence from Petitioner’s A-file to support its assertions of fact. Should Petitioner wish to file a reply, they must do so **no later than May 1, 2026**.<sup>1</sup>

**Petitioner is DIRECTED to serve the petition and its attachments, (Dkt. No. 1), on Respondents via certified mail** pursuant to Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and include a copy of this Order with that service. Petitioner is **ORDERED** to file proof that service was sent via certified mail to Respondents **by April 21, 2026**.

The Court further **DIRECTS** the Clerk of Court to send the Petition and its attachments, (Dkt. No. 1), and this Order to the United States Attorney for the Southern

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<sup>1</sup> Any deadlines set forth in a civil summons issued by the Clerk of Court are superseded by the deadlines set forth in this Order.

District of Texas by electronic mail to [USATXS.CivilNotice@usdoj.gov](mailto:USATXS.CivilNotice@usdoj.gov) to provide notice of this action to Respondents. Respondents will not be served further notice of activity on this docket automatically. Instead, they must arrange to monitor the docket themselves, either by automatic electronic service or otherwise.

Additionally, Respondents are **ORDERED** to notify Petitioner's counsel and the Court of any anticipated or planned transfer or removal of Petitioner outside of the Southern District of Texas **at least five (5) days** before any such transfer.

It is so **ORDERED**.

**SIGNED** on April 17, 2026.

  
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John A. Kazen  
United States District Judge