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Honorable James Patrick Hanlon
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Re: *Sarsour v. Swearingen*, Case No. 26-cv-00224-JPH-MKK: Letter Regarding Factual Updates and Requesting Hearing on Motion for Release

Dear Judge Hanlon,

Petitioner respectfully submits this letter to advise the court of factual updates relevant to the Court's consideration of Mr. Sarsour's pending Motion for Release, Dkt. No. 32-33, which has been fully briefed since May 8, 2026. Mr. Sarsour remains in custody at Clay County Jail, in Brazil, Indiana, where he has been incarcerated for 60 days.

Mr. Sarsour's health continues to deteriorate. (Sarsour Decl., Dkt. No. 32-2). Though he recently developed severe abdominal pain, he was told by officials in the jail that they could not help him and that he must purchase his own medication. His blood sugar levels are not being consistently checked. As a diabetic, he is at risk of "permanent organ damage (kidneys, heart, brain)" and "[s]udden and preventable death" if he does not receive proper treatment. (Droubi Decl., Dkt. No. 32-1 at A-235.) Beyond his physical health, he is struggling in other significant ways. In a recent phone call with counsel, Mr. Sarsour shared that he was being tormented by guards at the jail, including that he was not being allowed to pray in accordance with his Muslim faith due to guards repeatedly interrupting his prayers, forcing him to sleep during nighttime prayers, and refusing to provide him with a prayer rug or a Quran. Mr. Sarsour has had trouble sleeping due to the cold, and has only been allowed one flimsy blanket and one shirt—guards had confiscated everything else.

The continued detention of Mr. Sarsour—and his separation from his community and family—appears purely punitive; it continues to chill the speech of Mr. Sarsour and others seeking to speak out about Palestinian human rights. Given the ongoing, irreparable harm

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identified in the Motion, Petitioner respectfully requests a decision on the pending Motion for Release or, in the alternative, seeks to be heard on the Motion as soon as is practicable.

Respectfully Submitted,

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