## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

Sergio BRIZUELA,	) ) ) Case No. 3:12-cv-00226
on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,	) Case No. 3.12-cv-00220 )
Petitioner,	) ) ) Date: February 22, 2012
V.	
Jose FELICIANO, Warden, New Haven Correctional Center; Leo C. ARNONE, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Correction; Connecticut Department of Correction,  Respondents.	) ) ) ) )
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## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AND LEAVE TO PROPOUND PRECERTIFICATION DISCOVERY REQUESTS

Petitioner SERGIO BRIZUELA, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, hereby moves this Court for an order to show cause why the writ should not issue. Petitioner requests that the return date for the Order to Show Cause be set within three days of issuance of the Order, according to the procedures set out in 28 U.S.C. § 2243. Petitioner further requests leave to propound precertification discovery requests bearing solely on the class allegations in the above-captioned representative habeas action, and that the Court order Respondents to comply with discovery requests on an expedited basis.

Precertification discovery is necessary in this case to guarantee Petitioner sufficient access to information regarding the class allegations included in the pending petition, which is necessary to fully brief and decide the Motion for Class Certification or Representative Habeas

Action. This Court has authority to order precertification discovery pursuant to longstanding

Second Circuit precedent and should establish the general boundaries of precertification

discovery by analogy to the established standards under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23.

An expeditious Order to Show Cause and precertification discovery are appropriate and

necessary because Petitioner has alleged that Respondents have a pattern and practice of

continuously and irreparably violating potential class members' Fourth, Tenth, and Fourteenth

Amendment rights. Expedition is further justified by the fact that a newly implemented federal

program, Secure Communities, will likely significantly increase the size of the proposed class.

Secure Communities begins across Connecticut today.

For the further reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum of Law, Petitioner

therefore requests that the Court expeditiously issue an Order to Show Cause, set a return date

within the three-day period set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 2243, grant leave to propound discovery

requests, and order responses on an expedited basis.

DATED: February 22, 2012

New Haven, Connecticut

Respectfully submitted,

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Good cause appearing therefore and upon reading the Petition for Habeas Corpus		
("Petition"), Motion for Class Certification or Representative Habeas Action ("Class		
Certification Motion"), Motion for Order to Show Cause and Leave To Propound		
Precertification Discovery, and its accompanying Memorandum of Law,		
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondents file an answer to the Petition with this		
Court on or before, 2012 to show cause why the relief sought in the Petition		
should not be granted, and		
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner file a traverse with this Court, if desired,		
on or before 2012 and		

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Petitioner is granted leave to propound precertification discovery restricted to the question of the appropriateness of certifying a representative habeas action or alternatively a class action.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondents comply with discovery requests on an expedited basis.

**DONE AND ORDERED AT** New Haven, Connecticut, on February \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

United States District Judge

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on February 22, 2012, a copy of the foregoing Notice of Motion for an Order to Show Cause and Leave to Propound Precertification Discovery Requests was filed electronically and that notice of this filing was sent by FedEx to the parties at the addresses listed below.

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