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Legal Aid Statement on Denial of Oscar Belgal's Release from ICE Detention

(BROOKLYN, NY) — **The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement in response to the court's denial of Oscar Belgal's release from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention:

"This ruling leaves Mr. Belgal in detention despite the concerns surrounding his deteriorating medical condition and raises serious questions about whether his health and basic human dignity are being given the weight they deserve.

"Mr. Belgal's situation comes amid increasing scrutiny regarding ICE's ability to provide adequate medical care to those in its custody. Since January 2025, more than 50 people have died in ICE custody, raising serious questions about the agency's treatment of medical vulnerable individuals.

"Mr. Belgal deserves access to the medical care he needs, and his health should not be put at further risk while he remains in custody. We will continue to fight for his release and to ensure that his medical needs are not ignored."

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