

EXHIBIT 1-F

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT

RÜMEYSA ÖZTÜRK,

Plaintiff,

v.

PATRICIA HYDE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-cv-00374

**DECLARATION OF BECKY PENBERTHY
OF BURLINGTON COMMUNITY JUSTICE
CENTER IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONER'S
MOTION FOR RELEASE UNDER *MAPP V.
RENO***

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Becky Penberthy, Adult Restorative Services Manager of Burlington Community Justice Center, declare under penalty of perjury the following:

1. I am Becky Penberthy, my pronouns are she/her, and I am restorative justice practitioner living and working in Burlington, Vermont.
2. I have worked as a restorative justice practitioner for 21 years. I currently co-manage adult restorative justice services for Chittenden County, including Pretrial Services. Among other tasks, my work includes: providing direct services to victims of crime and those responsible for crime; facilitating processes around larger community-based incidents of harm not rising to the level of a crime where there is great impact; supervising a team of professionals providing direct service; serving as a Member of the CJC management team; regularly attending and providing input in the Criminal Division of Vermont Superior Court; and regularly facilitating restorative processes with those responsible, with those harmed, with community volunteers and others.
3. I also serve as an Adjunct Professor at Vermont Law and Graduate School, where I teach a graduate-level course on applied restorative justice facilitation.
4. My previous experience includes working as the Court Operations Manager for the Addison County Superior Court, and as the Director of Vermont Pretrial Operations at Lamoille Restorative Center.
5. At the Burlington Community Justice Center, the Pretrial Services Program supports individuals to meet their court-ordered conditions of release, ensure court appearances, reduce detentions, and support public safety. Pretrial Services provides ongoing support throughout the court process.
6. The primary components of Pretrial Services include:
 - a. Supervision – We maintain knowledge of and periodic review of court-ordered conditions. We conduct administrative check-ins, held remotely on a platform like Zoom or Teams, with additional check-ins by telephone. If the person is in the State of Vermont, we conduct in-person visits. We also connect with community

supports who can confirm adherence to court-ordered conditions, such as supervisors, teachers, or counselors/clinicians.

- b. Court reminders – We make regular phone calls and/or text reminders of upcoming court dates to ensure appearance.
 - c. Connection to Support – We assess the client’s need for additional supports and, where appropriate, connect clients to services such as mental health counseling.
 - d. Reporting to the Court – As the Court directs, we provide regular updates to the Court regarding compliance with of violations of court-ordered conditions of release.
7. I have met with Rümeysa Öztürk via Zoom from the detention facility in Louisiana and discussed her plans upon release. She expressed a strong desire to immediately return to her PhD research at Tufts University, to live in on-campus housing, to receive her medical treatment in Boston, and to be among her peers and professors. She described her department as very supportive and identified close connections to her friends and academic community.
8. I have also met with leaders from Tufts University regarding systems and accommodations available to Ms. Öztürk upon release. They confirmed the availability of housing, academic supervision, medical care, security, and financial aid for Ms. Öztürk. Tufts specifically identified multiple on-campus housing options available to her upon release.
9. I am ready and willing to provide Pretrial Services to Ms. Öztürk upon her release—including supervision, court reminders, connection to support, and reporting to the Court—pursuant to whatever conditions the Court may set. For example, supervision could include regularly checking in with Ms. Öztürk via video calls and maintaining contact with her dean and academic advisor to ensure her continued engagement in her studies at Tufts.

WHEREFORE, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Burlington, Vermont on this 1st day of May 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky Penberthy

Adult Restorative Services Manager
Burlington Community Justice Center