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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

13 ARTEM VASKANYAN,

14 Petitioner,

15 v.

16 JAMES JANECKA, Warden, Adelanto
17 ICE Processing Center, THOMAS
GILES, Los Angeles ICE Field Office
18 Director, TODD LYONS, Acting
Director of U.S. Immigration and
19 Customs Enforcement, KRISTI NOEM,
Secretary of the U.S. Department of
20 Homeland Security; PAMELA BONDI;
Attorney General of the United States,
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22 Respondents.
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No. 5:25-cv-01475-MRA-AS

**RESPONDENTS' RESPONSE TO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

Honorable Monica Ramirez Almadani
United States District Judge

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Pursuant to the Court's June 25, 2025, Order Granting in Part Petitioner's Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order (ECF 18) and Order Granting Stipulation to Continue Hearing on Order to Show Cause (ECF 22), which require Respondents to respond to an Order to Show Cause as to why a preliminary injunction should not issue, Respondents hereby respond as follows:

Petitioner Artem Vaskanyan ("Petitioner") is subject to a final order of removal and remains in ICE custody as of this date. As indicated in the previously filed Declaration of Jorge Suarez, (ECF 14-1), ICE has made efforts to remove Petitioner to Russia and Azerbaijan which were unsuccessful. *See ECF 14-1 at ¶ 10*. Thereafter, Petitioner has completed documents to request Armenian citizenship, and the issuance of Armenian travel documents based on his Armenian heritage. ECF 14-1 at ¶ 13.

Because ICE was awaiting a response from the Armenian Consulate, the parties stipulated, and the Court approved, additional time to respond to the Court's Order to Show Cause. *See ECF 22*.

As of this date, ICE has received a response from the Armenian Consulate indicating that it will not issue travel documents at this time. Rather, the Consulate has requested additional information from the Petitioner. ICE does not know whether the requested information can be obtained or provided by Petitioner, or when any subsequent response will be received from the Consulate.

ICE is continuing to detain Petitioner while removal efforts are ongoing. Respondents will contemporaneously file an answer to the Petition so that the Court may expeditiously determine whether Petitioner is entitled to release from ICE custody.

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