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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
10 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

11 Juan Edelmar ALVA ALVA,

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 Polly KAISER, Acting Field Office Director of the
15 San Francisco Immigration and Customs
16 Enforcement Office; Todd LYONS, Acting Director
17 of United States Immigration and Customs
18 Enforcement; Kristi NOEM, Secretary of the United
19 States Department of Homeland Security, Pamela
20 BONDI, Attorney General of the United States,
21 acting in their official capacities,

22 Respondents.

Case No. 3:25-cv-6676

**REPLY BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF A
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION,
AND IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF
THE HABEAS PETITION**

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Hon. Rita F. Lin

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3 INTRODUCTION

4 Juan Edelmar Alva Alva (“Mr. Alva” or “Petitioner”) now replies to Respondents’
5 Response and provides further support of his habeas petition.¹ Respondents contend that the
6 Supreme Court has upheld detention of noncitizens pending removal. Response at 1. They
7 ignore that this case presents an as-applied challenge, in which Mr. Alva, a husband and father
8 who came to the United States seeking safety for himself and his young daughter, was released
9 by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) seven years ago. In 2018, after finding that he
10 was neither a danger to the community nor a flight risk, DHS allowed him to leave their custody
11 on an order of supervision. Respondents do not contend that since then, he has become either a
12 danger or a flight risk. Respondents say that Mr. Alva should now be detained because his
13 removal is “reasonably foreseeable,” but he has already exercised his right to seek immigration
14 judge (IJ) review of his negative fear finding and intends to seek further review before the Ninth
15 Circuit Court of Appeals, if necessary. These proceedings can all take place while Mr. Alva is
16 out of custody, living as a productive member of the community, and caring for his family—as
17 he has been for the past seven years. Despite Respondents’ assurance that IJ review will happen
18 in “a matter of days,” Mr. Alva requested IJ review on Aug. 6, 2025, shortly before being
19 detained by Respondents and to date, neither he nor his attorney have received a date to appear
20 in immigration court for this review. Moreover, review by the Ninth Circuit Court of appeals
21 may take a significant amount of time. Respondents cannot effectuate Mr. Alva’s removal from
22 the United States until he exhausts his remedies at the IJ and Ninth Circuit levels, nevertheless
23 they seek to detain him to some uncertain future date that could be many months in the future.

24 Respondents attempt to diminish Mr. Alva’s liberty interest by delving into his
25 immigration history, his past removal order,² and a conviction for illegal reentry to the United

26 ¹ Since Respondents answered the habeas petition and opposed a preliminary injunction in their Response, Petitioner
27 replies in further support of the habeas petition as well.

28 ² Respondents’ contention that Petitioner made only a “passing reference” to his past removal order misses
the mark. His petition mentions this fact up front in the first paragraph and clearly states he is ineligible
for asylum based on past removal orders. See Petition at 1 and Memo. of Points and Authorities
supporting TRO at 9. He refers throughout his papers to his reasonable fear interview, which is only
offered to immigrants who are ineligible for asylum due to a past removal order.

1 States in 2017,³ but they knew about *all* of these factors when they released him from custody
2 in 2018, finding that he posed neither a flight risk or danger to the community. Indeed,
3 Respondents do not argue that he is a danger to the community now, and case law does not
4 support a lessened liberty interest for a person in Mr. Alva's procedural posture. Rather, where
5 the government grants a person release from custody, whether on parole or an order of
6 supervision they "form the ... enduring attachments of normal life," *Morrissey v. Brewer*, 408
7 U.S. 471, 482 (1972), and the liberty interest that arises is inherent in the Due Process Clause.

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10 ARGUMENT

11 The standards for issuing a preliminary injunction and a temporary restraining order are
12 "substantially identical." *See Galindo Arzate v. Kaiser*, No. 25-CV-00942, 2025 WL 2230521, *3
13 (E.D. Cal. Aug. 4, 2025) (citing *Stuhlbarg Int'l Sales Co. v. John D. Brush & Co.*, 240 F.3d 832,
14 839 n.7 (9th Cir. 2001)) (noting the analysis for issuing a temporary restraining order and
15 a preliminary injunction is substantially the same). To warrant a preliminary injunction, a movant
16 must show (1) they are "likely to succeed on the merits," (2) they are "likely to suffer irreparable
17 harm in the absence of preliminary relief," (3) "the balance of equities tips in [their] favor," and
18 that (4) "an injunction is in the public interest." *All. for the Wild Rockies v. Cottrell*, 632 F.3d
19 1127, 1131 (9th Cir. 2011) (quoting *Winter v. Nat. Res. Def. Council, Inc.*, 555 U.S. 7, 20 (2008));
20 *see Stuhlbarg Int'l Sales Co.*, 240 F.3d at 839 n.7 Even if the movant raises only "serious
21 questions" as to the merits of their claims, the court can grant relief if the balance of hardships
22 tips "sharply" in their favor. *All. for the Wild Rockies*, 632 F.3d at 1135. All factors here weigh
23 decisively in Mr. Alva's favor.

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26 ³ Respondents provided a Federal Bureau of Investigations background check for Mr. Alva with their
27 Response, and it contains a 2017 disposition for 8 U.S.C. §1325 illegal entry, misdemeanor, with 30 days
28 confinement. *See* Exh. 9, p. 38 to Decl. Deportation Off. Thomas Auer ECF 11-1. Respondents refer to
other "convictions" for traffic violations, but this is unsupported by the FBI background provided.
Notably, there is no disposition listed for a 2009 misdemeanor traffic arrest, which does not confirm a
conviction. As such, only one misdemeanor conviction for an immigration violation can be tentatively
confirmed. Only a copy of the criminal court documents can fully confirm any past convictions.

1 RESPONDENTS DO NOT SERIOUSLY CONTEST THAT PETITIONER IS LIKELY TO
2 SUCCEED ON THE MERITS.

3 PETITIONER'S DETENTION, AS APPLIED HERE, VIOLATES HIS DUE PROCESS
4 RIGHTS

5 Mr. Alva is likely to prevail on his claim because the Respondents cannot show that his
6 detention comports with due process. Respondents argue, in essence, that because immigration
7 detention has been *facially* upheld by the Supreme Court, that it is lawful as applied to Mr. Alva.
8 However, "[c]ivil immigration detention, which is 'nonpunitive in purpose and effect[.]' is justified
9 *only* when a noncitizen presents a risk of flight or danger to the community" and where an
10 immigrant has been previously released by immigration officials, any allegation that this has
11 changed materially must be evaluated by a neutral decision maker before he can be re-detained.
12 *See Galindo Arzate*, 2025 WL 2330521, at * 5 (emphasis supplied) (citing *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533
13 U.S. 678, 690 (2001)). 'The root requirement of the Due Process Clause is that an individual be
14 given an opportunity for a hearing before he is deprived any significant protected interest." *See id.*
15 (internal quotations omitted) (citing *Cleveland Bd. of Education v. Loudermill*, 470 U.S. 532, 542
16 (1985), *see also Jorge M. F. v. Wilkinson*, No. 21-CV-01434-JST, 2021 WL 783561, *4 (Mar. 1,
17 2021) (citing *Ortega v. Bonnar*, 415 F.Supp. 3d 963 (N.D. Cal. 2019) and *Ortiz Vargas v. Jennings*,
18 No. 20-CV-5785-PJH, 2020 WL 5074312, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 23, 2020) (granting petitioner's
19 request for a temporary restraining order against re-arrest by ICE without a pre-deprivation
20 hearing).

21 Courts have considered situations like Mr. Alva's in which a noncitizen is released by ICE
22 on an order of supervision and decided that this "suggests he was determined not to present a flight
23 risk" or a danger. *See Ortega v. Kaiser*, 25-CV-05259-JST, 2025 WL 2243616, *6-7 (N.D. Cal.
24 Jun. 26, 2025) (citing *Tadros v. Noem*, No. 25-CV-04108, Order (D.N.J. Jun. 17, 2025) (granting
25 habeas petition). As the courts found in those cases, Mr. Alva's release on an order of supervision,
26 gives rise to a liberty interest that cannot be taken away without procedural protections.

27 Here, in 2018, Mr. Alva was previously released after DHS declined to remove him and
28 instead placed him on an order of supervision. *See Gutierrez Decl.* at ¶¶ 7-8, ECF 2-1. Mr. Alva
has materially complied with his order of supervision and ICE does not cite any alleged missed
appointment as being the basis for his current re-detention and could not credibly do so given that

1 it allegedly occurred years ago⁴ and he has since been in full compliance. *See Galindo Arzate, 2025*
2 *WL 223052*, at *5 (*citing Doe v. Becerra*, No. 25-CV-00647-DJC-DMC, 2025 WL 691664, at *5
3 (E.D. Cal. Mar. 3, 2025) (finding that an IJ’s prior “evaluation that petitioner was not a flight risk
4 or danger had ‘largely been borne out’ because petitioner had only been arrested for a misdemeanor
5 in the interim.”). He then appeared at his scheduled reasonable fear interview on Aug. 6, 2025,
6 after which he was detained. The government has fingerprinted Mr. Alva at every encounter with
7 immigration officials and would have known about his past entries to the United States, his 2013
8 misdemeanor conviction for illegal reentry, and his past removal orders. Nevertheless, after his
9 last entry to the country in 2018, DHS declined to remove him and instead released him on an order
10 of supervision. Respondents do not argue that there has been any material change in circumstances
11 warranting his re-arrest. Therefore, Mr. Alva has a procedural due process right to bond hearing
12 before a neutral arbiter before any new detention.

13 PETITIONER’S LIBERTY INTEREST ARISES FROM HIS RELEASE BY IMMIGRATION
14 AUTHORITIES AND IS NOT DIMINISHED BY HIS HISTORY OR STATUS.

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16 Respondents try to diminish Mr. Alva’s liberty interest based on his immigration history
17 and status as a person with a reinstated removal order. *See Response at 6-7*. However, Mr.
18 Alva’s liberty interest arises from his release on parole by DHS in 2018. Even a parolee who is
19 released by the government in error has a constitutionally protected liberty interest that entitles
20 him to due process before he is re-incarcerated. *See Hurd v. D.C., Gov’t*, 864 F.3d 671, 683
21 (D.C. Cir. 2017) (“The Supreme Court has repeatedly held that in at least some circumstances, a
22 person who is in fact free of physical confinement – even if that freedom is lawfully revocable –
23 has a liberty interest that entitles him to constitutional due process before he is re-incarcerated.”)
24 (*citing Young v. Harper*, 520 U.S. 143, 152 (1997), *Gagnon v. Scarpelli*, 411 U.S. 778, 782
25 (1973), and *Morrissey v. Brewer*, 408 U.S. 47, 482 (1972)).

26 ⁴ Officer Auer’s declaration alleges Petitioner missed an appointment in 2022 but that is not borne out by
27 Petitioner’s order of supervision, which shows that he attended 10 of 11 scheduled appointments with ICE
28 since 2018. It’s possible that he may have missed an appointment in 2019, before he was represented by
undersigned counsel, but it is also possible that Mr. Alva appeared that day at a different time than was
scheduled, prompting the ICE officer at check-in that day to write “no show” on Mr. Alva’s check in
paper, though in reality, he had to have shown up in person for an officer to write anything on his paper.

1 Respondents do not argue Mr. Alva was erroneously released but say that he was released,
2 rather than removed, due to a “lack of detention space[.]” Response at 2. But the government
3 would have had Mr. Alva’s fingerprints on file then and would therefore have been fully apprised
4 of his past entries to the United States, his past removal orders, and his conviction for illegal
5 reentry. The government’s interest in detaining him now, after seven years, is itself diminished
6 when they delay in detaining him. In *Ortega v. Kaiser*, a decision from this district, the court
7 held that even where the petitioner had extensive criminal history in his past, of which the
8 government was fully apprised when it released him, his re-detention years later at an ICE
9 appointment would likely violate his “protectable liberty interest in remaining out of custody on
10 bond pending further immigration proceedings.” See *Ortega*, 2025 WL 2243616, at *6 (citing
11 *Ortiz Vargas*, 2020 WL 5074312, at *3.

12 Respondents contend that *Morrissey* and its progeny do not apply in the immigration
13 detention context, but many courts in this district have expressly held the opposite. See Response
14 at 7. See *Galindo Arzate*, 2025 WL 2330521, at *1, 4. (“Even where a statute allows the
15 government to arrest and detain an individual, a protected liberty interest under the Due Process
16 Clause may entitle the individual to procedural protections not found in the statute.”) (citing
17 *Young*, 520 U.S. at 147-49 (1997), *Morrissey*, 408 U.S. at 482, *Gagnon*, 411 U.S. at 782); see
18 also *Jorge M.F.*, 2021 WL 783561 at *2 (citing *Ortiz Vargas*, 2020 WL 5517277, at *2 (granting
19 a preliminary injunction against re-arrest by ICE where petitioner had “raised serious questions
20 going to the merits of his claim that he has a protectable liberty interest in his conditional release
21 under [*Morrissey v. Brewer*, 408 U.S. 471 (1972)] and that he must be afforded a pre-deprivation
22 hearing if respondent seek to re-arrest him.”). Indeed, the Supreme Court long ago clarified that
23 noncitizens are equally protected by the Due Process clause and the constitutional rights of people
24 in criminal custody set the *floor* for the constitutional rights of detained noncitizens. *Mathews v.*
25 *Diaz*, 426 U.S. 67, 77, 96 S. Ct. 1883, 1890, 48 L. Ed. 2d 478 (1976) (“[D]ecisions defining the
26 constitutional rights of prisoners establish a floor for [detained noncitizens’] constitutional
27 rights.”)._

28 Indeed, Respondents rely heavily on a case from this district called *Uc Encarnacion* to
support the idea that Mr. Alva’s detention won’t erroneously deprive him of liberty. But *Uc*

1 *Encarnacion* itself endorses *Morrissey* as containing the guiding principle that “implicit in the
2 parole system is the ‘notion that the parolee is entitled to retain his liberty as long as he
3 substantially abides by the conditions of his parole.’” *Uc Encarnacion v. Kaiser*, No. 22-cv-
4 04369-CRB, 2022 WL 9496434 (N.D.Cal. Oct. 14, 2022), (*citing Morrissey* generally). There,
5 the court expressly distinguishes *Uc Encarnacion*’s facts from those of *Morrissey* by saying
6 “[h]ere, though, *Uc* always knew that his release was subject to appellate review” and he could
7 not argue that if he complied with the terms of his own release by the IJ, that he would remain
8 free. *See id.* Thus, Respondents’ claim that *Morrissey* and its progeny do not apply in the
9 immigration detention context is wrong as a matter of law.

10 THE RISK THAT PETITIONER WILL AGAIN BE DETAINED AND ERRONEOUSLY
11 DEPRIVED OF HIS LIBERTY IS HIGH.
12

13 Respondents rely on inapposite case law to support their claim that “the risk of erroneous
14 deprivation of petitioner’s liberty here is minimal.” Response at 8 (citing *Rodriguez Diaz v.*
15 *Garland*, 53 F.4th 1189 (9th Cir. 2022) and *Uc Encarnacion*, 2022 WL 9496434, at *4). In
16 *Rodriguez Diaz*, the court found that the noncitizen had “requested and received a bond hearing
17 before an immigration judge (IJ) to determine if his detention was justified” and based on
18 extensive past criminal history, “the IJ denied release on bond.” *See id.* at 1193. Similarly, in *Uc*
19 *Encarnacion*, though an IJ had originally ordered him released on bond due to lack of
20 dangerousness, the government appealed this decision, and the Board of Immigration Appeals
21 reversed his release. *See id.* at *1. Thus, the court there held that where the petitioner knew that
22 the government had timely appealed his release to the Board of Immigration Appeals, he
23 therefore “was always subject to direct review and, therefore, the possibility of reversal.” *See id.*
24 at *2.
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27 *Rodriguez Diaz* does not involve *re*-detention, which is at issue here, and *Uc Encarnacion*
28 involves a timely filed government appeal of the petitioner’s release, which is not at issue here. In

1 Mr. Alva's case, of course, he was released seven years ago by ICE on an order of supervision,
2 which strongly implies that DHS found him not to be a risk of danger or flight risk. *See Ortega*,
3 2025 WL 2243616, at *6-7. His release was an agency decision that was not subject to an appeal
4 process, nor was any kind of appeal filed, rather DHS chose to release him for as long as he
5 substantially complied with the terms of his order of supervision. Respondents do not argue that
6 Mr. Alva has substantially violated the terms of his order of supervision or that he's a risk of
7 danger or flight.
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9 Nevertheless, Respondents seek to re-detain him without due process, contending that:
10 "Petitioner's conditional release does not somehow increase the strength of his liberty interest
11 now, especially when his withholding-only claim has been rejected by an asylum officer."
12 Response at 7. This contention fundamentally conflicts with recent case law holding the
13 opposite. The decision in *Galindo Arzate* is instructive. There, the petitioner's prior removal
14 order was reinstated by ICE and he was placed into DHS custody. *See id.* at * 1. He applied for
15 withholding of removal and protection under the Convention Against Torture. After an IJ denied
16 his applications, the petitioner appealed. *Id.* Then, he was conditionally released by an IJ and
17 placed on an order of supervision with ICE. He substantially complied though he was arrested for
18 a misdemeanor by local police and let go without charges filed. *Id.* at * 2. ICE arrested the
19 petitioner at his next reporting check in and petitioner filed a writ of habeas corpus and a motion
20 for a temporary restraining order. *Id.* at*3. Crucially, the court relied on *Morrissey* to find that
21 the petitioner was likely to prevail on the merits.
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24 The parolee has relief on at least an implicit promise that parole will be revoked
25 only if he fails to live up to the parole conditions. The revocation of parole
26 undoubtedly 'inflicts a grievous loss on the parolee.' Therefore, a parolee possesses
27 a protected liberty interest in his 'continued liberty.' Petitioner's conditional release
28 is similar. It allows him to be with his family and contribute to the community
where he has spent most of his life, under certain terms of supervision. Here, the
immigration judge ordered petitioner to be release on bond pending his immigration
appeal. Petitioner's evidence indicates that he thereafter complied with his release
conditions. Nonetheless, the government rearrested petitioner without a new bond

1 hearing before the immigration judge, which plainly contradicts the ‘implicit
2 promise that [petitioner’s bond] will be revoked only if he fails to live up to the
3 [bond] conditions.

4 *See id.* at *4 (internal quotations omitted) (citing *Morrissey*, 408 U.S. at. 482-84).

5 Further, Respondents claim that Mr. Alva was re-detained after his reasonable fear
6 interview under 8 U.S.C. § 1231(a), but this is unsupported by the facts,⁵ which further heightens
7 the risk that he will be erroneously deprived of liberty in the future. The statute says that when a
8 noncitizen is “ordered removed” he shall be removed within 90 days, which 90-day period begins
9 on the later of (i) the date the order becomes final; (ii) the date the order is upheld by a judge; (iii)
10 if detained, the date the noncitizen is released. This 90-day period is called the “removal period”
11 in this section. Here, Mr. Alva’s last removal order was entered in 2017, and DHS reinstated the
12 order when he returned to the United States in 2018 with his daughter. *See* Exh. 8 to Decl. of
13 Deportation Off. Thomas Auer, ECF # 11-1. This means that the removal period is years passed.
14 Seven years ago, DHS declined to remove him and instead released him on an order of supervision.
15 He has been here ever since. Thus, he cannot now be subject to detention under 8 U.S.C. §
16 1231(a)(2), which by its terms limits the Respondents to detaining a noncitizen during the removal
17 period.

18 Importantly, there is little question that unless his habeas petition is granted, Mr. Alva will
19 again be detained by ICE and held without an opportunity to contest his arrest or detention before
20 a neutral decision-maker. Respondents claim, erroneously, that they can detain him now under §
21 1231 and that he will have no opportunity for a bond hearing before an IJ until such time as his
22 detention becomes “prolonged.” *See* Response at 5-6. Respondents state that Mr. Alva “has no
23 right to a bond hearing before being detained” and would only have the right to a bond hearing after

24 ⁵ Respondents also say that in 2018, Mr. Alva “did not a claim a fear of returning to Guatemala” when he
25 was detained by immigration officials near the southern border. *See* Response at 3. They rely on the
26 declaration of Deportation Officer Thomas Auer, who in turn relies on a form I-213 and “record of sworn
27 statement in affidavit form” generated by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol. Importantly, the record of
28 sworn statement is not signed by Mr. Alva or the officer who purportedly took the statement. No
interpreter or the language used to speak with him is listed. The form I-213 referenced cannot be relied on
where there are mistakes apparent on the face of the document. There are several such errors including an
incorrect address for Mr. Alva though this form was generated last week during his arrest, an incorrect
number of children, and at p. 2 it says he has “no criminal history,” which Respondents now say is not
precise. Interestingly, another form I-213 generated in 2017 also states he has no criminal history.

1 six months or more of confinement. *See id.*

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3 THE GOVERNMENT HAS LITTLE INTEREST IN DETAINING THE PETITIONER NOW
4 WHERE HIS REMOVAL IS NOT REASONABLY FORESEEABLE.

5 The government's interest in detaining Mr. Alva without a hearing is "low." *See Galindo*
6 *Arzate*, 2025 WL 2230521, at *5 (*citing Ortega*, 2025 WL 2243616, at *6 (noting that another
7 court in this district properly found that the government's interest in re-detaining the petitioner
8 was low given that he "had complied with his supervision requirements for years.") (*citing to Diaz*
9 *v. Kaiser*, No. 25-CV-05071, 2025 WL 1676854, at *2 (N.D. Cal. Jun. 14, 2025))). Particularly
10 where, here Mr. Alva has substantially complied with his order of supervision since 2018,
11 appeared with his attorney to request a reasonable fear interview in 2023, and then on Aug. 6,
12 2025, over two years later, he attended that interview, the government's interest is "further
13 diminished." *See id.* (*citing Pinchi v. Noem*, No. 25-CV05632, 2024 WL 1853763, at *5
14 (N.D.Cal. Jul. 4, 2025))). Respondents argue that because Mr. Alva is subject to a reinstated
15 removal order and due to his past immigration history and "status," he has less liberty interest.
16 Response at 7. But this is plainly contradicted by recent holdings in this district. *See Galindo*
17 *Arzate*, 2025 WL 2230521, at *5 and *Pinchi*, 2024 WL 1853763, at *5.

18 Here, contrary to Respondents' contention that Mr. Alva's review of his negative
19 reasonable fear finding will conclude in just "a matter of days," Mr. Alva has still not received a
20 notice to appear before an IJ for the first phase of his right to review. Even if he does receive this
21 notice in the coming weeks, if he is not successful in his review before an IJ, he will appeal such
22 decision to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, a process that could take months. Mr. Alva can
23 easily complete this process outside of ICE custody, while contributing to his community and
24 caring for his family, as he has done for years without issue. *See Gutierrez Decl.* at ¶¶ 11-13,
25 ECF 2-1. Since DHS previously released him on an order of supervision, this implies they found
26 he was not a flight risk or a danger, and since they do not allege that he is now, Respondents have
27 little interest in re-detaining him.
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1 PETITIONER WILL SUFFER GRIEVOUS LOSS IF HE IS DETAINED.

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3 Respondents contend, without supporting authority, that Mr. Alva's "speculative claimed
4 injuries" are "too tenuous" to support of preliminary injunction. Response at 9. This contention
5 is squarely at odds with the findings of many courts in this district. *See Pinchi*, 2024 WL 1853763,
6 at *4 (finding that petitioner "has a substantial private interest in remaining in her home,
7 continuing her employment, providing for her family, obtaining necessary medical care,
8 maintaining relationships in the community, and continuing to attend her church"); *see also*
9 *Galindo Arzate*, 2025 WL 2230521, at *4 (applying the Supreme Court's analysis in *Morrissey*
10 to find that "[t]he revocation of parole undoubtedly 'inflicts a grievous loss on the parolee.' ...
11 Petitioner's conditional release is similar. It allows him to be with his family and contribute to
12 the community where he has spent most of his life, under certain terms of [ICE] supervision.")).
13 Here, the loss Mr. Alva will suffer if he is re-detained by ICE is no less grievous. In 2018, he
14 returned to the United States with his daughter because he and his family were threatened with
15 death "by a man who wanted to continue having his way with Mr. Alva's young daughter." *See*
16 *Gutierrez Decl.* at ¶ 17, ECF 2-1. After he and his daughter left Guatemala together, this man
17 burned down his home, forcing his wife and young son to flee. *Id.* Since then, he was approved
18 for a work permit, he works to support his family and attends a local church with them. *Id.* at ¶¶
19 11-12. Far from tenuous and speculative, Mr. Alva's loss if he is erroneously deprived of his
20 liberty will mean that he is cut off from supporting his wife and children, he will lose his
21 employment, and his young boy and girl will suffer enormously from not having him in their daily
22 lives, which in turn will cause additional harm to Mr. Alva.

23 THE PUBLIC INTEREST IS ALWAYS SERVED IN PRESERVING A PERSON'S
24 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

25 Respondents claim that Petitioner ignores "the public interest in application of immigration
26 laws that the Supreme Court has long upheld." Response at 10. But while the Supreme Court has
27 facially upheld detention for certain noncitizens, here Mr. Alva has shown that re-detention in his
28 case would be an erroneously deprivation of his liberty. Courts in this district have clarified that
"[t]he public has a strong interest in upholding procedural protections against unlawful detention,

1 and the Ninth Circuit has recognized that the costs to the public of immigration detention are
2 staggering... Without the requested injunction relief, Petitioner might be abruptly taken into ICE
3 custody, subjecting both him and his family to significant hardship. Yet the comparative harm
4 potentially imposed on Respondents-Defendants is minimal – a mere short delay in detaining
5 Petitioner-Plaintiff, should the government ultimately show that detention is intended and
6 warranted.” *Ortega*, 2025 WL 2243616, at *8 (*citing Diaz*, 2025 WL 1676854, at 3). See also
7 Jorge M.F., 2021 WL 783561, at*3 (“the public has a strong interest in upholding procedural
8 protections against unlawful detention” and “the costs to the public of immigration detention are
9 staggering”) (internal quotes omitted) (*citing Hernandez v. Sessions*, 872 F.3d 976, 996 (9th Cir.
10 2017)). Here, the stakes and interests are similar. Where Mr. Alva has shown that his re-detention
11 would serve no valid interest as he was previously found not to be a flight risk or a danger, and he
12 has materially complied with his order of supervision, and given the enormous cost to taxpayers of
13 detaining immigrants, preserving Mr. Alva’s constitutional rights undoubtedly serves the public’s
14 interest in preventing due process violations.

1 CONCLUSION

2 For the foregoing reasons, Mr. Alva respectfully requests the Court grant a preliminary
3 injunction that (1) enjoins Respondents from re-detaining him absent further order of this Court;
4 (2) in the alternative, enjoins Respondents from re-detaining him unless they demonstrate at a pre-
5 deprivation bond hearing, by clear and convincing evidence, that Mr. Alva is a flight risk or danger
6 to the community such that his physical custody is required; and (3) prohibits the government
7 from transferring him out of this District and/or removing him from the country until these habeas
8 proceedings have concluded. Mr. Alva further respectfully requests the Court issue a writ of
9 habeas corpus and declare that his arrest and detention violates the Due Process Clause of the
10 Fifth Amendment.

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