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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 Jane DOE,

11 *Plaintiff,*

Case No. 25-cv-02201-BJC-JLB

12 v.

**TRAVERSE IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION FOR WRIT OF
HABEAS CORPUS**

13 CHRISTOPHER J. LaROSE, Senior Warden,
14 Otay Mesa Detention Center; GREGORY J.
ARCHAMBEAULT, Field Office Director of
15 the San Diego Field Office of U.S.
Immigration and Customs Enforcement;
16 TODD M. LYONS, Acting Director of
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement;
17 KRISTI NOEM, Secretary of the U.S.
Department of Homeland Security; and
18 PAMELA BONDI, Attorney General of the
19 United States,

20 *Respondents.*

1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 Plaintiff Jane Doe (“Ms. Doe”) is a 48-year-old woman and victim of severe domestic
3 violence who has lived in the United States for 40 years. She remains incarcerated by civil
4 immigration authorities even though the sole conviction underlying her removal order was
5 vacated as unconstitutional. The parties agree that after six months of detention the Department
6 of Homeland Security (“DHS”) bore the burden to justify further incarceration by clear and
7 convincing evidence. Yet an Immigration Judge (“IJ”) denied bond without hearing any
8 testimony and despite DHS submitting no relevant evidence. The Board of Immigration Appeals
9 (“BIA”) affirmed with little reasoning.

10 Respondents concede that this Court has jurisdiction to review the IJ and BIA decisions.
11 Their attempts to defend those decisions are unavailing. The agency made numerous errors: it
12 failed to hold DHS to its burden, focused on alleged conduct by Ms. Doe from nearly two
13 decades ago, ignored her recent rehabilitation efforts, and relied on arbitrary and discriminatory
14 factors such as Ms. Doe’s mental health disability. DHS has not shown by clear and convincing
15 evidence that Ms. Doe’s detention—which has now lasted 14 months and counting—is justified
16 by an articulable danger or flight risk. The Court should grant the Petition.

17 **II. FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

18 The factual and procedural history in the Petition is substantively uncontested by
19 Respondents. *See* ECF 1, ¶ 20–63; *compare* ECF 13, at 2–5.

20 Ms. Doe provides a procedural update: after the filing of the instant Petition, the Ninth
21 Circuit reviewed Ms. Doe’s motion for a stay of removal and granted a stay over the
22 government’s opposition. 2d Weiss Decl.; Exh. 13. The court thus believes Ms. Doe is likely to
23 succeed in her petition for review. *Id.*; *Nken v. Holder*, 556 U.S. 418, 434 (2009) (stay factors
24 include whether applicant “made a strong showing that [s]he is likely to succeed on the merits”).

25 **III. LEGAL STANDARDS**

26 **A. Clear and Convincing Evidence is a High Standard**

27 Respondents do not contest that as a matter of due process and the *Aleman* injunction, the
28 IJ was required to release Ms. Doe unless DHS established by clear and convincing evidence that

1 Ms. Doe is such a danger or flight risk that she must be detained. *See* ECF 1, ¶ 68; *Aleman*
2 *Gonzalez v. Sessions*, 325 F.R.D. 616 (N.D. Cal. June 5, 2018); *Singh v. Holder*, 638 F.3d 1196,
3 1202–03 (9th Cir. 2011). “Establishing dangerousness [or flight risk] by clear and convincing
4 evidence is a high burden and must be demonstrated in fact, not ‘in theory.’ *Obregon v. Sessions*,
5 No. 17-cv-01463-WHO, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 60552 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 20, 2017), at *7 (citing
6 *United States v. Patriarcha*, 948 F.2d 789, 792 (1st Cir. 1991)). The clear and convincing
7 standard requires “an abiding conviction that the truth of [the] factual contentions at issue is
8 highly probable.” *Mondaca-Vega v. Lynch*, 808 F.3d 413, 422 (9th Cir. 2015) (en banc).

9 Pre-trial hearings under Bail Reform Act—where, like here, the government carries the
10 burden to show danger by clear and convincing evidence—“offer IJ’s the appropriate guidance
11 in assessing whether the government has met its burden.” *Obregon*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS
12 60552 at *19. In that context the government must prove that the detained individual “presents
13 an identified and articulable threat to an individual or the community.” *United States v. Salerno*,
14 481 U.S. 739, 747 (1987). “[A]ny doubts regarding the propriety of release should be resolved in
15 favor of the [noncitizen].” *United States v. Motamedi*, 767 F.2d 1403, 1405 (9th Cir. 1985).

16 **B. The Court Must Carefully Review the IJ and BIA Decisions**

17 Respondents agree that this Court has habeas jurisdiction and may properly review the IJ
18 and BIA decisions denying bond. *See* ECF 13, at 5–7; *Martinez v. Clark*, 124 F.4th 775, 779 (9th
19 Cir. 2024). However, they overstate the deference to be applied to the agency.

20 First, the Court must consider *de novo* the legal question of whether the agency properly
21 placed the burden of proof on DHS. *See Martinez*, 124 F.4th at 785 (the claim that the BIA
22 applied the wrong burden of proof is a “question of law”) (citing *Singh*, 638 F.3d at 1202–03
23 (“We also review *de novo* due process claims and questions of law raised in immigration
24 proceedings”). By contrast, the “abuse of discretion” standard applies only when the question at
25 issue “require[s] a close review of agency-found facts,” such as whether the evidence satisfies a
26 particular legal standard. *Id.* at 784. But whether the agency placed the burden on the correct
27 party is a purely legal question. *Id.* at 785. And a reviewing court “do[es] not rely on the [BIA]’s
28 invocation of the [correct] standard; rather, when the issue is raised, [the court’s] task is to

1 determine whether the BIA faithfully employed” the burden of proof. *Rodriguez v. Holder*, 683
2 F.3d 1164, 1170, 1176 (9th Cir. 2012); *see also R.R.M.C. v. Decker*, No. 22 Civ. 2952 (LGS),
3 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 179302, *11 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 30, 2022). Here, as explained below, there
4 were “red flags” that, despite lip service to the correct burden, the agency did not apply it. These
5 include: the IJ’s language indicating the burden was on Ms. Doe, misstatements of fact, and
6 failure to mention highly probative evidence. *Cole v. Holder*, 659 F.3d 762, 771 (9th Cir. 2011).

7 Second, whether the evidence established dangerousness or flight risk is reviewed for
8 abuse of discretion. *Martinez*, 124 F.4th at 782. While that does not involve “reweigh[ing] the
9 evidence,” the Court must ensure the IJ and BIA accounted for the demanding clear and
10 convincing standard, and must determine whether the agency’s decisions are “unsupported by
11 sufficient evidence.” *Y.S.G. v. Andrews*, No. 2:25-cv-1884-SCR, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 208276,
12 at *29 (E.D. Cal. Oct. 22, 2025) (citing *Martinez*, 124 F.4th at 784). The agency also abuses
13 discretion if it acts “arbitrarily, irrationally, or contrary to law” and when it “fails to provide a
14 reasoned explanation for its actions.” *Tadevosyan v. Holder*, 743 F.3d 1250, 1252–53 (9th Cir.
15 2014). The Court must “bear in mind that the government’s discretion to incarcerate noncitizens
16 is ‘always constrained by the requirements of due process.’” *Y.S.G.*, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS
17 208276, *29 (quoting *Hernandez v. Sessions*, 872 F.3d 976, 981 (9th Cir. 2017)).

18 **IV. ARGUMENT**

19 The IJ and BIA did not hold the government to its burden to justify further civil
20 incarceration. Respondents’ efforts to explain away the IJ’s misstatements, ignorance of key
21 rehabilitative evidence, and discriminatory treatment of Ms. Doe’s mental health conditions are
22 unavailing. Because the evidence does not establish by clear and convincing evidence that Ms.
23 Doe poses a *current* articulable danger or flight risk, the Court should grant the Petition.

24 **A. The IJ Improperly Shifted the Burden to Ms. Doe**

25 IJ Partida’s own language in the hearing and her bond memorandum show that she began
26 from a presumption *against* release, rather than placing the burden on DHS to justify further
27 detention. *See* ECF 1, ¶ 85–86. Respondents’ attempt to explain away the IJ’s choice of language
28 makes no sense. They claim the IJ’s statement she was “not convinced [Ms. Doe] will attend

1 future hearings,” was “not a basis for the flight-risk finding” but rather an “explanation for
2 rejecting Petitioner’s arguments” about Ms. Doe’s compliance with ICE check-ins. ECF 13, at 8;
3 *see* ECF 1-2, at 188. But whether Ms. Doe would attend hearings is the heart of the flight risk
4 assessment. *See Hernandez*, 872 F.3d at 990 (the purpose of immigration detention is limited to
5 “protecting the public” and “ensuring that non-citizens in removal proceedings appear for
6 hearings”). If the IJ was “not convinced” whether Ms. Doe would or wouldn’t attend hearings,
7 DHS had not met its burden to establish such flight risk that no bond could ensure her
8 appearance. Similarly, the IJ’s statement she was “unconvinced” by Ms. Doe’s release plan
9 shows she flipped the burden onto Ms. Doe. *See, e.g., R.R.M.C.*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 179302,
10 at *11; *Singh v. Garland*, 97 F.4th 597, 607 (9th Cir. 2024) (IJ’s statement that noncitizen’s
11 evidence was “insufficient” showed the IJ improperly placed the burden on him instead of DHS).

12 The IJ also stated she had “broad discretion” in the bond decision. ECF 1-2 at 185. But as
13 a judge in the Eastern District of California recently explained, while that “may be true in a
14 generic bond proceeding under 8 U.S.C. § 1226...it is not true in a constitutionally mandated
15 proceeding involving a heightened burden on DHS.” *Y.S.G.*, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 208276, at
16 *30 (citing *Martinez*, 124 F.4th at 784). Rather, if DHS failed to meet its burden, the IJ “would
17 have had to release [her].” *Id.* “[T]he IJ’s reference to broad discretion imported a legal standard
18 at odds with” due process and the *Aleman* injunction. *Id.*

19 DHS did not present any evidence of flight risk or danger at the hearing, or even seek to
20 question Ms. Doe. ECF 1, ¶ 87. In arguing DHS could meet the demanding clear and convincing
21 burden without offering any relevant evidence, Respondents rely on language in 8 C.F.R. §
22 1003.19(d) that an IJ may rely on “any information that is available.” ECF 13, at 9. But that
23 regulation addresses *initial* IJ bond proceedings where the noncitizen bears the burden to obtain
24 release. *See Matter of Guerra*, 24 I&N Dec. 37, 39 (BIA 2006). Here, DHS bore the burden to
25 justify further incarceration. The BIA is clear that where the burden is on DHS, it must “carry
26 such burden by presenting evidence.” *Matter of Guevara*, 20 I&N Dec. 238, 244 (BIA 1991); *see*
27 *also Navas v. INS*, 217 F.3d 646, 662 (9th Cir. 2000) (where DHS bore the burden to show
28 changed circumstances it “failed to meet its evidentiary burden” by not producing evidence).

1 consider present dangerousness. *Y.S.G.*, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 208276, at *32. Respondents,
2 too, spill significant ink recounting alleged facts of incidents in 2001, 2006, and 2007 without
3 acknowledging that these all took place more than 17 years before Ms. Doe’s bond hearing. ECF
4 13, at 12–13. They also minimize the context: Ms. Doe’s struggle to raise her children—who are
5 all now adults—under the shadow of extreme domestic violence. *See* ECF 1-2, at 88 (describing
6 how Ms. Doe’s ex-boyfriend raped, punched, and suffocated her, tied her up in a closet, and
7 threatened to burn her alive); *id.* at 139–48 (criminal complaints and restraining order against ex-
8 boyfriend). Though the IJ mentioned this context in passing, she never explained *why* it did not
9 mitigate any current dangerousness. *See* ECF 1-2, at 187; *see Y.S.G.*, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS
10 208276, at *33 (“The IJ did not actually analyze any of this evidence or attempt to explain why it
11 did not mitigate danger”). An “IJ must also consider whether the [detained person’s]
12 circumstances have changed such that criminal conduct is now less likely.” *Calderon Rodriguez*
13 *v. Wilcox*, 374 F. Supp. 3d 1024, 1033 (W.D. Wash. 2019) (citing *Singh*, 638 F.3d at 1205). Ms.
14 Doe has taken responsibility for her mistakes as a mother, and no longer cares for any children.
15 ECF 1-2, at 90. Neither the IJ nor Respondents explain why her past negligence “toward children
16 who have been under her care” portends dangerousness *now*. ECF 1-2, at 187.

17 The IJ’s brief references to Ms. Doe’s 2023 alcohol use relapse and conviction—after 15
18 years without incident—are insufficient to show current dangerousness. *Id.* at 92. DHS submitted
19 no evidence about this incident whatsoever, and declined to question Ms. Doe about it. And *after*
20 state authorities released Ms. Doe, she was successfully living in the community and working
21 with mental health providers for approximately eight months before ICE detained her in
22 September 2024. *Id.* Neither Respondents nor the IJ identify any articulable, specific threat that
23 Ms. Doe *currently* poses. *See Salerno*, 481 U.S. at 747.

24 2. The IJ Ignored Ms. Doe’s Recent Rehabilitation and Release Plan

25 The IJ also ignored and mischaracterized Ms. Doe’s rehabilitation efforts—including
26 eight months of consistent psychotherapy and two years of sobriety—immediately preceding her

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28 the underlying evidence was problematic not only because the burden was on Ms. Doe in the
prior hearing, ECF 1, ¶ 89, but also because Ms. Doe’s intellectual disability limited her ability
to fully participate in that hearing, ECF 1-2, at 110, a fact the IJ entirely ignored.

1 abrupt detention by ICE. ECF 1, ¶ 97-98. Respondents do not even attempt to claim otherwise,
2 instead arguing that the IJ was “not required to discuss each piece of evidence submitted.” ECF
3 13, at 15. But recent rehabilitation efforts are “highly probative” evidence in determining current
4 danger. *Cole*, 659 F.3d at 771 (although the BIA need not discuss “each piece” of evidence, its
5 “fail[ure] to mention highly probative or potentially dispositive” evidence is legal error).
6 “Meaningful evaluation of mitigation evidence is necessary to ensure that the high burden of the
7 clear and convincing standard is demonstrated in fact, not in theory.” *Y.S.G.*, 2025 U.S. Dist.
8 LEXIS 208276, *34 (quotations omitted). The IJ engaged in no such evaluation here. Instead, the
9 IJ’s decision rests on the incorrect belief that Ms. Doe was detained by ICE immediately after the
10 2023 incident, when in fact she was successfully living in the community and complying with
11 treatment for months prior. ECF 1, ¶ 98; *see also* ECF 1-2, at 188 (noting erroneously that Ms.
12 Doe’s relapse “eroded those strides” she had made with St. Mary’s, even though Ms. Doe began
13 receiving St. Mary’s services *after* her release from criminal custody in 2024 and has remained
14 sober since). Respondents do not contest this mistake. *See generally* ECF 13.

15 Respondents instead misdirect by noting that Ms. Doe’s brief rehabilitation classes years
16 ago did not completely cure her alcohol use disorder, but they and the IJ again ignore the
17 context: at that time she remained in a volatile domestic abuse situation, and did not yet have the
18 resources to support her recovery. ECF 1-2, at 88–91, 142. By contrast, after her 2023 relapse
19 made Ms. Doe realize she needed further assistance, she immediately sought out and consistently
20 attended therapy. *Id.* at 92. She relied on the support of her U.S. citizen husband and began
21 working with a case worker at St. Mary’s. *Id.* at 120, 122. And she is committed to attending
22 residential treatment through Gospel Center. *Id.* at 117; *Obregon*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 60552,
23 at *23-25 (noting petitioner’s prior unsuccessful efforts and that while recovery from substance
24 abuse is a long-term journey, a “viable plan for rehabilitation” negates dangerousness). DHS
25 declined the opportunity to ask Ms. Doe about her release plan and made no showing it is
26 insincere. On the contrary, her most recent history of treatment shows Ms. Doe is ready and
27 willing to address her substance abuse history and was doing so when ICE detained her. The IJ’s
28 mistakes and failure to mention this evidence was legally erroneous and an abuse of discretion.

1 **C. The IJ’s Flight Risk Determination is Legally and Factually Erroneous**

2 The IJ’s alternative decision on flight risk is also arbitrary, irrational, and an abuse of
3 discretion. Specifically, the IJ relied on her misunderstanding that Ms. Doe’s long record of
4 appearance at ICE appointments was “prior to her removal order being final.” ECF 1-2, at 174.
5 Not so: Ms. Doe’s removal order became final in 2011 and Ms. Doe repeatedly appeared the ICE
6 appointments afterward, including the one at which she was detained in 2024. ECF 1, ¶ 105.
7 Respondents ignore this glaring error. They also ignore that the IJ mischaracterized the timeline
8 of Ms. Doe’s efforts at seeking permanent housing, which she was actively pursuing when she
9 was suddenly re-detained by ICE. *See* ECF 1, ¶ 107. Instead, they defend the IJ’s reference to
10 Ms. Doe’s struggles with housing, mental health conditions, and alcohol as justifying “concern”
11 about her future compliance. ECF 13, at 16. But these factors were present previously, and Ms.
12 Doe nevertheless appeared at ICE when requested. Further, the IJ and Respondents ignore that
13 after the December 2024 vacatur of her conviction, Ms. Doe’s removal order *has no valid legal*
14 *basis*, so she has a heightened incentive to appear and pursue restoration of her lawful permanent
15 resident status. In any case, the IJ’s “concerns” do not meet DHS’s burden to show by clear and
16 convincing evidence that Ms. Doe poses such great risk of flight that no bond or other conditions
17 could assure her appearance. Point A, *supra*; *R.R.M.C.*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 179302, at *13.

18 **D. The Agency’s Reliance on Mental Health Conditions Was Discriminatory**

19 Respondents do not contest that the IJ and BIA used Ms. Doe’s mental health disability
20 as a negative factor. ECF 1, ¶ 110–12. They claim that disparate treatment of those with mental
21 health disabilities is permissible in bond proceedings, misleadingly citing *Zadvydas*, 533 U.S. at
22 691. ECF 13, at 17. But the Ninth Circuit has rejected Respondents’ argument. *Thai v. Ashcroft*,
23 366 F.3d 790, 795 (9th Cir. 2004). As the court there explained, *Zadvydas*’s point was that civil
24 detention is *only* permissible under limited and “special circumstances”—such as civil
25 commitment schemes—with “strong procedural protections,” not that mental illness is a basis for
26 immigration detention. *Id.*; *Zadvydas*, 533 U.S. at 691. The Court’s citation to *Kansas v.*
27 *Hendricks*, 521 U.S. 346 (1997), that Respondents rely upon emphasized that civil confinement
28 based on mental illness is *only* constitutional if applied to a “small segment of particularly
dangerous individuals” and “strict procedural safeguards” are provided. *Id.* In *Hendricks*,

1 sexually violent predators were entitled to government-provided counsel, a mental health
2 examination, regular review of whether detention remained warranted, and treatment while in
3 custody. *Hendricks*, 521 U.S. at 367–68. The Supreme Court has never endorsed using mental
4 illness to justify *immigration* detention—where none of the *Hendricks* protections are provided.²

5 And even if it were constitutionally permissible to rely on Ms. Doe’s mental disability to
6 deny an immigration bond, that says nothing about whether it violates the Rehabilitation Act. In
7 passing that statute, Congress specifically found that “individuals with disabilities constitute one
8 of the most disadvantaged groups in society” and “continually encounter various forms of
9 discrimination in such critical areas as...institutionalization, health services,...and public
10 services.” 29 U.S.C. § 701; *see also* 42 U.S.C. § 12101(a)(2) (identifying “isolat[ion] and
11 segregat[ion]” of people with disabilities as “forms of discrimination”). Individuals with
12 disabilities must have “equal opportunity” to obtain federal benefits such as release on bond.
13 *Alexander v. Choate*, 469 U.S. 287, 300–02 n.21 (1985). Here, the agency’s conclusion that Ms.
14 Doe’s mental conditions make her situation “precarious,” without actually assessing the facts of
15 those conditions, was discriminatory. ECF 1-2, at 188. In fact, *despite* her intellectual disability
16 and history of being unhoused, the record shows Ms. Doe has complied with ICE directives. *Id.*
17 at 92, 120. As the Supreme Court has explained, “institutional placement of persons who can
18 handle and benefit from community settings” constitutes disability discrimination, as it
19 “perpetuates unwarranted assumptions that persons so isolated are incapable or unworthy of
20 participating in community life.” *Olmstead v. L.C. by Zimring*, 527 U.S. 581, 600 (1999). The
21 agency’s use of Ms. Doe’s mental health conditions as reason to keep her incarcerated relied on
22 such unwarranted assumptions, in violation of Section 504 and its implementing regulations.

23 **E. The Agency Is Not a Neutral Adjudicator**

24 Since Ms. Doe filed this petition, newly publicized accounts support her contention that
25 IJs and the BIA are under extreme pressure by DOJ superiors to decide cases in a biased way
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27 ² To the extent Respondents believed that Ms. Doe’s mental health conditions make her
28 particularly dangerous, they should have followed the proper procedures to seek civil
commitment under California State law, which include significant procedural protections. *See*
Cal. Wel. & Inst. Code § 5150, 5300. It is uncontested they have not done so.

1 against noncitizens. *See, e.g.*, 2d Weiss Decl, Exh. 14, Hilda Gutierrez, et al., “Former judges
2 give inside look at immigration court upheaval,” *NBC Bay Area* (Oct. 20, 2025) (“You felt you
3 had to rule a certain way in order to preserve your job.”); *Id.*, Exh. 15, Marco Poggio, “Judges
4 See an Immigration Court Gutted From Inside,” *Law360* (Oct. 31, 2025) (“We were told to
5 facilitate deportation...Due process is dead in immigration courts.”).

6 Further, contrary to Respondents’ contention, there *is* evidence such bias was at play
7 here. Although DHS bore the burden of proof, it presented no evidence and made few arguments.
8 The IJ denied bond after a hearing that took minutes, at which no witnesses testified. ECF 1-2 at
9 165–75. She came up with arguments on DHS’s behalf, and made misstatements that supported
10 DHS’s position. The BIA, for its part, provided no analysis in upholding the bond decision. *See*
11 ECF 1-2, at 235. The IJ and BIA decisions are consistent with a context in which adjudicators
12 are predisposed to keep noncitizens detained rather than provide a full and fair, unbiased hearing.

13 **F. Proper Relief**

14 Because DHS failed to meet its burden to show flight risk or danger by clear and
15 convincing evidence, the Court should order Ms. Doe released. *Judulang v. Chertoff*, 562 F.
16 Supp. 2d 1119, 1127 (S.D. Cal. 2008) (ordering release when evidence failed to establish flight
17 risk or danger); *Mau v. Chertoff*, 562 F. Supp. 2d 1107, 1119 (S.D. Cal. 2008); *Hechavarria*, 358
18 F. Supp. 3d 227, 243 (W.D.N.Y. 2019); *see also Parada v. Sessions*, 902 F.3d 901, 914 (9th Cir.
19 2018) (where the government fails to meet its burden, providing it another opportunity would be
20 “exceptionally unfair”). Alternatively, Ms. Doe is entitled to a constitutionally compliant custody
21 hearing, which should be conducted before this Court. *See, e.g., L.G.M. v. Larocco*, 2:25-cv-
22 2631 (PKC), 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 144418, at *13 (E.D.N.Y. June 25, 2025); *Leslie v. Holder*,
23 865 F. Supp. 2d 627, 633 (M.D. Pa. 2012) (“[W]e are empowered to conduct bail proceedings in
24 habeas corpus proceedings brought by immigration detainees”) (citing cases)).

25 **V. CONCLUSION**

26 For the foregoing reasons, the Court should grant the Petition and order Ms. Doe
27 released, or in the alternative, hold a custody hearing where the government bears the burden of
28 justifying further detention by clear and convincing evidence.

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