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12 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
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14 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

15 Junior Gomez,

16 Petitioner,

17 v.

18 John Cantu, et al.,

19 Respondents.

Case No.: CV-25-03255-PHX

Petitioner’s Reply to Respondents’ Opposition  
to Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus

20 **I. Introduction**

21 Respondents apprehended and detained Petitioner after his entry to the U.S. on January 4,  
22 2024, and, based on the individualized facts of Petitioner’s case, released Petitioner from custody  
23 on an Order of Release on Recognizance pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a). *See* ECF No. 10-A  
24 (Notice to Appear); ECF No. 10-B (Notice of Custody Determination); ECF No. 12-A, ¶¶ 6–7. On  
25 July 22, 2025, Respondents re-detained Petitioner when he appeared for his hearing at the Dallas  
26 Immigration Court, *see* ECF No. 12-A, ¶¶ 8–9, without alleging changed circumstances and  
27 without an individualized consideration as to whether Petitioner poses a danger to the community  
28 or a flight risk. Following the Board of Immigration Appeals’ (“the Board’s”) precedential  
decision in *Matter of Yajure Hurtado*, 29 I&N Dec. 216 (BIA 2025), Petitioner is now subject to  
mandatory detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2) without access to a bond hearing.

Petitioner does *not*, as Respondents write, challenge Respondents’ prior motion to dismiss  
his removal proceedings or their intention of subjecting him to expedited removal proceedings in  
the future. ECF No. 12, at \*3–4. Rather, as set forth in the Amended Petition, he alleges that his

1 re-detention without a showing of changed circumstances violates his procedural due process  
2 rights (Count 1) and his substantive due process rights (Count 2). Petitioner further claims he can  
3 only lawfully be detained pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) and that his continued detention without  
4 a bond hearing violates the Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”) (Count 3); his right to a bond  
5 hearing pursuant to 8 C.F.R. §§ 236.1, 1236.1, and 1003.19 (Count 4); and his due process rights  
6 (Count 5). ECF No. 10.

7 This Court has jurisdiction to review habeas petitions challenging a noncitizen’s detention.  
8 *See Echevarria v. Bondi, et al.*, No. 2:25-cv-3252 (D. Ariz. Oct. 3, 2025). Moreover, this Court  
9 and others nationwide have rejected Respondents’ arguments that noncitizens like Petitioner can  
10 lawfully be detained pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2). *See, e.g., Benitez Cornejo v. Cantu, et al.*,  
11 No. CV-25-03672 (D. Ariz. October 17, 2025); *Echevarria v. Bondi, et al.*, No. 2:25-cv-3252 (D.  
12 Ariz. Oct. 3, 2025); *Quispe Ardiles v. Noem*, No. 1:25-cv-01382 (E.D. Va. Sept. 30, 2025)  
13 (explaining “at least thirty federal district courts around the country[]” have concluded the  
14 government’s application of § 1225(b)(2)(A) to similarly situated petitioners is unlawful). As set  
15 forth below, Respondents’ arguments regarding § 1225(b)(2)(A) and § 1226 disregard the plain  
16 meaning of the statutes, conflict with the statutory structure, and distort and ignore precedent.

17 Moreover, Respondents contend that Petitioner’s due process rights have not been violated  
18 by his re-detention and that due process does not require Respondents to provide a pre-detention  
19 hearing before re-detaining him if he is released. ECF No. 12, at \*8–9. Respondents argue that the  
20 procedural protections afforded to noncitizens detained under § 1226(a) are sufficient process  
21 enough, even though, in the same breath, Respondents argue that Petitioner is not detained under  
22 § 1226(a) and instead is subjected to mandatory detention under § 1225(b)(2)(A). As such,  
23 Petitioner is afforded any of these protections. Under the *Mathews v. Eldridge* framework, the  
24 balance of factors is clearly in Petitioner’s favor.

## 25 **II. Argument**

### 26 **a. Petitioner does not challenge DHS’s dismissal of his removal proceedings.**

27 Respondents wrongly claim there is no case or controversy, arguing that Petitioner is  
28 improperly challenging the hypothetical future action of being subject to expedited removal. ECF  
No. 12, at \*3-4. In fact, Petitioner challenges the constitutionality of mandatory detention under 8

1 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A) and the legality of his re-detention absent a showing of changed  
2 circumstances.

3 **b. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction.**

4 Petitioner’s claims are not barred by 8 U.S.C. § 1252(g), § 1252(b)(9), or § 1252(a)(2)(A),  
5 as Petitioner contests the legality of his detention, not Respondents’ decision to commence  
6 removal proceedings against him, a final removal order, whether Respondents can execute his  
7 removal, or whether he can be subjected to expedited removal.<sup>1</sup>

8 **i. 8 U.S.C. § 1252(g)**

9 As this Court recently explained, 8 U.S.C. § 1252(g)<sup>2</sup> “does not preclude jurisdiction over  
10 the challenges to the legality of [an alien’s] detention.” *Echevarria*, No. 2:25-cv-3252, at \*4  
11 (internal quotations omitted). Section 1252(g) relates to “three discrete actions that the Attorney  
12 General may take: her ‘decision or action’ to ‘commence proceedings, adjudicate cases, or execute  
13 removal orders.’” *Reno v. Am.- Arab Anti-Discrimination Comm.*, 525 U.S. 471, 482 (1999)  
14 (emphasis in original). The statute does not preclude review of “the universe of deportation claims,”  
15 and “[t]here are of course many other decisions or actions that may be a part of the deportation  
16 process” that may be reviewed. *Id. See also Jennings v. Rodriguez*, 83 U.S. 281, 294 (2018)  
17 (explaining § 1252(g) does not “sweep in any claim that can technically be said to ‘arise from’ the  
18 three listed actions of the Attorney General” and solely “refer[s] to just those three specific actions  
19 themselves.”); *Dep’t of Homeland Sec. v. Regents of the Univ. of California*, 591 U.S. 1, 19 (2020)  
20 (quoting *Reno v. Am.-Arab Anti- Discrimination Comm.*, 525 U.S. 471, 482 (1999)) (“reject[ing]  
21 as ‘implausible’ the Government’s suggestion that § 1252(g) covers ‘all claims arising from  
22 deportation proceedings’ or imposes ‘a general jurisdictional limitation.’”).

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25 <sup>1</sup> Respondents also state without explanation that this Court is deprived of jurisdiction under § 1252(e), which only  
26 applies to “any action pertaining to an order to exclude an alien.” Since Petitioner is not challenging an exclusion  
27 order, it is not relevant here.

28 <sup>2</sup> This statute states: “Except as provided in this section and notwithstanding any other provision of law (statutory or  
nonstatutory), including section 2241 of Title 28, or any other habeas corpus provision, and sections 1361 and 1651  
of such title, no court shall have jurisdiction to hear any cause or claim by or on behalf of any alien arising from the  
decision or action by the Attorney General to commence proceedings, adjudicate cases, or execute removal orders  
against any alien under this chapter.”

1 Here, Petitioner does not challenge whether Respondents can commence removal  
2 proceedings, adjudicate his case, or execute his removal if necessary. Rather, he challenges the  
3 legality of his re-detention and mandatory detention pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A).

4 **ii. 8 U.S.C. §§ 1252(b)(9)**

5 Section 1252(b)(9) also does not deprive this Court of jurisdiction.<sup>3</sup> Where a petitioner is  
6 “not asking for review of an order of removal” or “challenging any part of the process by which  
7 their removability will be determined . . . ., § 1252(b)(9) does not present a jurisdictional bar.”  
8 *Jennings v. Rodriguez*, 583 U.S. 281,294 (2018); *see also Ibarra-Perez*, 2025 WL 2461663 at \*9  
9 (this provision does not bar claims that are “independent of or collateral to the removal process.”);  
10 *Echevarria*, No. 2:25-cv-3252, at \*5 (finding § 1252(b)(9) did not preclude review of a habeas  
11 petition). Again, this statute does not apply to Petitioner, who does not contest a removal order or  
12 the removal process. Rather, he challenges whether it is constitutional for Respondents to re-detain  
13 him without showing a change in circumstances and whether Respondents can lawfully subject  
14 him to mandatory detention without bond pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A).

14 **iii. 8 U.S.C. § 1252(a)(2)(A)**

15 Petitioner is not contesting expedited removal, and this statute is therefore irrelevant.

16 **c. Section 1225(b)(2)(A) does not apply to Petitioner.**

17 This Court has previously rejected Respondents’ argument that noncitizens like Petitioner  
18 can be subject to mandatory detention under § 1225(b)(2)(A), particularly when – like here –  
19 documents show the government specifically detained the individual under § 1226(a). *See Benitez*  
20 *Cornejo v. Cantu, et al.*, No. CV-25-3672 at \*2 (explaining that, in addition to the reasons set forth  
21 by the court in *Echevarria v. Bondi*, the Notice of Custody Determination specifically stated the  
22 petitioner would be detained pursuant to § 1226(a)); *Echevarria*, No. 2:25-cv-3252, at \*8–17  
(explaining plain language and statutory structure support conclusion that petitioner was detained

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25 <sup>3</sup> Judicial review of all questions of law and fact, including interpretation and application of constitutional and  
26 statutory provisions, arising from any action taken or proceeding brought to remove an alien from the United  
27 States under this subchapter shall be available only in juridical review of a final order under this section. Except  
28 as otherwise provided in this section, no court shall have jurisdiction, by habeas corpus under section 2242 of title  
28 or any other habeas corpus provision, by section 1361 or 1651 of such title, or by any other provision of law  
(statutory or nonstatutory), to review such an order or such questions of law or fact.

1 pursuant to § 1226(a)). Courts around the country have also rejected the government’s argument  
 2 that § 1225(b)(2)(A) encompasses all noncitizens who are present without admission or parole.<sup>4</sup>  
 3 Respondents, in comparison, cite no case that supports their expansive reading of § 1225(b)(2)(A).

4 Section 1225(b)(2)(A) authorizes mandatory detention only if three conditions are met. An  
 5 “examining officer” must determine the individual is: (1) an “applicant for admission”; (2)  
 6 “seeking admission”; and (3) “not clearly and beyond a doubt entitled to be admitted.” *See, e.g.,*  
 7 *Echevarria v. Bondi, et al.*, No. 2:25-cv-3252 at \*9; *Martinez v. Hyde*, No. 25-11613-BEM, 2025  
 8 WL 2084238, at \*2 (D. Mass. July 24, 2025)). Although Petitioner may satisfy the first  
 requirement as an “applicant for admission,” he does not satisfy the second.

9 This Court and others have consistently recognized that “seeking admission” necessarily  
 10 requires present-tense conduct, and this section can therefore not apply to an individual like  
 11 Petitioner who was apprehended in Dallas, Texas, one-and-a-half years after entering. *See*  
 12 *Echevarria*, No. 2:25-cv-3252, at \*10 (“The word ‘seeking’ is the present participle of the verb  
 13 ‘seek.’ It thus has a temporal element—Petitioner must have been in the process of seeking  
 14 admission at the time of the inspection.”); *Guerrero Lepe v. Andrews*, No. 1:25-cv-01163-KES-  
 15 SKO, at \*8 (E.D. Cal. Sept. 23, 2025) (“the use of a present participle, ‘seeking,’ necessarily  
 implies some sort of present-tense action.”) (internal quotations and citations omitted).

16 As this Court has also previously recognized, applying § 1225(b)(2) to Petitioner conflicts  
 17 with the Supreme Court’s interpretation of § 1225 and § 1226 in *Jennings v. Rodriguez* 583 U.S.

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 20 <sup>4</sup> *See, e.g., Hasan v. Crawford*, No. 1:25-CV-1408 (E.D. Va. Sept. 19, 2025); *Quispe Ardiles v. Noem*, No. 1:25-cv-  
 21 01382 (E.D. Va. Sept. 30, 2025); *Luna Quispe v. Crawford*, No. 1:25-cv-1471, 2025 WL 2783799 (E.D. Va. Sept. 29,  
 2025); *Teyim v. Perry*, No. 1:25-cv-01615 (E.D. Va. October 15, 2025); *Leal-Hernandez v. Noem*, No. 1:25-cv-2428,  
 22 2025 WL 2430025 (D. Md. Aug. 24, 2025); *Mendoza Gutierrez v. Baltasar*, No. 25-cv-2720 (D. Colo. Oct. 17, 2025);  
*Martinez v. Hyde*, No. 25-cv-11613, 2025 WL 2084238 (D. Mass. Jul. 24, 2025); *Gomes v. Hyde*, No. 25-cv-11571,  
 23 2025 WL 1869299 (D. Mass. July 7, 2025); *Giron Reyes v. Lyons*, No. C25-4048, 2025 WL 2712427 (N.D. Iowa Sept.  
 23, 2025); *Pizarro Reyes v. Raycraft*, No. 25-cv-12546, 2025 WL 2609425 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 9, 2025); *Sampaio v.*  
 24 *Hyde*, No. 1:25-cv-11981, 2025 WL 2607924 (D. Mass. Sept. 9, 2025); *Zaragoza Mosqueda et al. v. Noem*, No. 5:25-  
 cv-02304, 2025 WL 2591530 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 8, 2025); *Jimenez v. FCI Berlin, Warden*, No. 1:25-cv-00326, 2025  
 25 WL 2639390 (D.N.H. Sept. 8, 2025); *Doe v. Moniz*, No. 1:25-cv-12094, 2025 WL 2576819 (D. Mass. Sept. 5, 2025);  
*Cortes Fernandez v. Lyons*, No. 8:25-cv-506, 2025 WL 2531539 (D. Neb. Sept. 3, 2025); *Perez v. Berg*, No.  
 26 8:25CV494, 2025 WL 2531566 (D. Neb. Sept. 3, 2025); *Hernandez Nieves v. Kaiser*, No. 3:25-cv-06921, 2025 WL  
 2533110 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 3, 2025); *Vasquez Garcia et al. v. Noem*, No. 3:25-cv-02180, 2025 WL 2549431 (S.D. Cal.  
 27 Sept. 3, 2025); *Lopez-Campos v. Raycraft*, No. 2:25-cv-12486, 2025 WL 2496379 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 29, 2025); *Kostak*  
 28 *v. Trump*, No. 3:2025cv01093, 2025 WL 2472136 (W.D. La. Aug. 27, 2025); *J.O.E. v. Bondi*, No. 25-cv-3051, 2025  
 WL 2466670 (D. Minn. Aug. 27, 2025).

1 281 (2018) and “fails to take account of the entirety of the statutory scheme.” *See Echevarria v.*  
2 *Bondi*, No. 2:25-cv-3252, at \*17. The Supreme Court explained in *Jennings*, “U.S. immigration  
3 law authorizes the Government to detain certain aliens *seeking admission* into the country under  
4 §§ 1225(b)(1) and (b)(2). It also authorizes the Government to detain certain aliens *already in the*  
5 *country* pending the outcome of removal proceedings under §§ 1226(a).” 583 U.S. at 289  
6 (emphasis added). The legislative history also supports this understanding, as the Conference  
7 Report stated twice that § 1225 would apply to “aliens arriving in the United States.” H.R. Conf.  
8 Rep. No. 104-828 at 208, 209 (1996).

9 Moreover, reading § 1225(b)(2) to encompass all noncitizens who entered without  
10 inspection would render multiple provisions of § 1226 superfluous. “[O]ne of the most basic . . .  
11 canons” of statutory interpretation is that “a statute should be construed so that effect is given to  
12 all its provisions, so that no part will be inoperative or superfluous, void or insignificant.” *Corley*  
13 *v. United States*, 556 U.S. 303, 314 (2009) (quoting *Hibbs v. Winn*, 542 U.S. 88, 101 (2004))  
14 (internal brackets omitted). There are multiple provisions in § 1226(c) that mandate detention for  
15 certain inadmissible noncitizens, including § 1226(c)(1)(E), which was enacted earlier this year as  
16 part of the Laken Riley Act and applies to noncitizens who entered the U.S. without admission and  
17 were thereafter charged with, arrested for, convicted of, or admitted committing various offenses.  
18 *See Quispe Ardiles*, No. 1:25-cv-01382, at \*16 (“[i]f § 1225(b) already required mandatory  
19 detention of all noncitizens who have not been admitted, these provisions would be meaningless.”).

20 The title of § 1225 – “Inspection by immigration officers; expedited removal of  
21 inadmissible arriving aliens; referral for hearing” – further indicates that Congress intended § 1225  
22 to apply only to noncitizens apprehended upon arrival. *See Dubin v. United States*, 599 U.S. 110,  
23 120-21 (2023) (“This Court has long considered that the title of a statute and the heading of a  
24 section are tools available for the resolution of a doubt about the meaning of a statute.”) (internal  
25 quotations omitted).

26 Finally, Respondents have historically treated Petitioner as detained under § 1226(a).  
27 When Respondents apprehended Petitioner after he entered the U.S., they detained him and then  
28 released him pursuant to an Order of Release on Recognizance “*under Section 236 of the INA.*”  
ECF No. 10-B (emphasis added). In July 2025, Respondents could only legally re-detain Petitioner  
by revoking his parole and rearresting him under the original warrant. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1226(b). In

1 a nearly identical case, the Eastern District of Virginia granted the habeas petition, concluding that  
2 the Order of Release of Recognizance and subsequent re-detention under the original warrant  
3 “support[] the conclusion that he is detained pursuant to § 1226(a).” *Quispe Ardiles*, No. 1:25-cv-  
4 01382, at \*10.

5 **d. Petitioner’s ongoing detention without a bond hearing violates the INA,  
6 federal regulations, and due process.**

7 Because Petitioner can only lawfully be detained pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), his  
8 continued detention without bond violates the INA (Count 3), federal regulations (Count 4), and  
9 due process (Count 5).<sup>5</sup> On this basis, he requests this Court order his immediate release or that he  
10 be given a bond hearing pursuant to § 1226(a).

11 Petitioner’s continued detention without a bond hearing violates due process. Applying the  
12 *Mathews v. Eldridge* framework to Petitioner weighs heavily in favor of his release or that he be  
13 given a bond hearing pursuant to INA § 1226(a).

14 Petitioner’s private interest in freedom from detention is “the most elemental of liberty  
15 interests.” *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld*, 542 U.S. 507, 529 (2004); *see also Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S.  
16 678, 690 (2001) (“Freedom from imprisonment—from government custody, detention, or other  
17 forms of physical restraint—lies at the heart of the liberty that [the Due Process] Clause protects.”).

18 Second, the risk of erroneous deprivation is high under the current procedures, and  
19 additional procedures would mitigate this risk. Civil detention is only valid when it is necessary to  
20 prevent danger to the community or a flight risk. *Zadvydas*, 533 U.S. at 690. In this case,  
21 Respondents have never shown that Petitioner poses a danger or a flight risk. “At its foundation,  
22 due process prohibits detaining an individual without justification.” *Mohammed H. v. Trump*, No.  
23 CV 25- 1576 (JWB/DTS), 2025 WL 1692739, at \*5 (D. Minn. June 17, 2025). The imposition of  
24 additional safeguards in the form of Petitioner’s release or a bond hearing would ensure that the  
25 government is only detaining those who actually pose a flight risk or a danger to the community.  
26 There is therefore a high risk of the erroneous deprivation of Petitioner’s liberty, and there are

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27 <sup>5</sup> Under § 1226(a) and its associated regulations, Petitioner is entitled to a bond hearing. *See* 8 C.F.R. §§ 236.1(d) &  
28 1003.19(a)-(f). The application of § 1225(b)(2) to Petitioner unlawfully mandates his continued detention and  
therefore violates both the INA and its implementing regulations.

1 procedures that could alleviate this risk; as such, the second factor also weighs in favor of  
2 Petitioner.

3 Third, Respondents do not explain why the government’s interests in immigration  
4 enforcement would be harmed by Petitioner’s immediate release or release on bond, as he would  
5 remain subject to removal proceedings and Respondents have not shown that he is a flight risk.  
6 *See Luna Quispe*, No. 1:25-cv-01471 (“Respondents do not explain why these interests would not  
7 be adequately protected by the individualized determination of an immigration judge as to whether  
8 an individual should be released on bond under section 1226(a) ... there is currently no order of  
9 removal pending against Petitioner, and he otherwise does not pose a flight risk or a risk to the  
10 public and has thus far fully cooperated with Respondents.”). The third factor therefore also weighs  
11 in Petitioner’s favor.

12 Petitioner therefore requests this Court either order his release or that he be given a bond  
13 hearing pursuant to § 1226(a).

14 **e. Petitioner’s re-detention absent a change in circumstances violated his  
15 procedural and substantive due process rights.**

16 Petitioner’s re-detention absent a change in circumstances also violates his procedural due  
17 process rights (Count 1) and substantive due process rights (Count 2).<sup>6</sup> As relief, Petitioner  
18 requested this Court order his release and enjoin Respondents from re-detaining him absent a pre-  
19 detention hearing.

20 Petitioner was initially detained and released on an order of recognizance pursuant to 8  
21 U.S.C. § 1226(a). ECF No. 10-B. Although Petitioner recognizes ICE has the statutory authority  
22 to revoke a bond and re-arrest a noncitizen pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(b), Respondents overlook  
23 critical rulings from the Board and the Ninth Circuit, which have made clear that re-detention  
24 requires a showing of changed circumstances after the person’s initial release from custody. *See*  
25 *Matter of Sugay*, 17 I&N Dec. 637, 640 (BIA 1981); *Panosyan v. Mayorkas*, 854 F. App’x 787,  
26 788 (9th Cir. 2021) (“Thus, absent changed circumstances ... ICE cannot redetain Panosyan.”).

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27 <sup>6</sup> Counts 1 and 5 are not duplicative, as Respondents state, as Count 1 alleges Respondents violated Petitioner’s due  
28 process rights by re-detaining him without showing a change in circumstances and Count 5 alleges Respondents  
violated Petitioner’s due process rights by subjecting him to mandatory detention without a bond hearing.

1           Additionally, as the Ninth Circuit has explained, ICE’s “discretion to incarcerate non-  
2 citizens is always constrained by the requirements of due process.” *See Hernandez v. Sessions*,  
3 872 F.3d 976, 981 (9th Cir. 2017). Due process requires a meaningful opportunity to be heard  
4 *before* the deprivation of liberty occurs. *See Mathews v. Eldridge*, 424 U.S. 319 (1976). Courts  
5 have consistently applied the *Mathews* framework when evaluating due process challenges to civil  
6 immigration detention. *See, e.g., Rodriguez Diaz v. Garland*, 53 F.4th 1189, 1206 (9th Cir. 2022)  
7 (collecting cases).

8           As for the first factor in *Mathews*, Respondents claim that “Petitioner can cite no liberty or  
9 property interest to which due process protections attach,” ECF No. 11, at \*10, yet the interest in  
10 being free from physical detention is “the most elemental of liberty interests.” *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld*,  
11 542 U.S. 507, 529 (2004); *see also Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678, 690 (“Freedom from  
12 imprisonment—from government custody, detention, or other forms of physical restraint—lies at  
13 the heart of the liberty that [the Due Process] Clause protects.”). The first factor therefore weighs  
14 heavily in favor of Petitioner.

15           Moreover, contrary to Respondents’ assertion that the “the Supreme Court has held that  
16 the rights of such noncitizens are confined exclusively to those granted by Congress,” ECF No. 12,  
17 at \*8, over a century of precedent establishes the opposite: the Supreme Court has repeatedly held  
18 that noncitizens, including those who have come to the U.S. illegally, enjoy the protections of the  
19 Fifth Amendment. *See, e.g., Zadvydas*, 533 U.S. at 693 (“[T]he Due Process Clause applies to all  
20 ‘persons’ within the United States, including aliens, whether their presence here is lawful, unlawful,  
21 temporary, or permanent.”); *Mathews v. Diaz*, 426 U.S. 67, 77 (1976) (“Even one whose presence  
22 in this country is unlawful, involuntary, or transitory is entitled to that constitutional protection.”);  
23 *Shaughnessy v. United States ex rel. Mezei*, 345 U.S. 206, 212 (1953) (“It is true that aliens who  
24 have once passed through our gates, even illegally, may be expelled only after proceedings  
25 conforming to traditional standards of fairness encompassed in due process of law.”); *Yamataya v.*  
26 *Fisher*, 189 U.S. 86, 100–01 (1903) (noncitizen who entered country in violation of law cannot be  
27 “deprived of [her] liberty” without receiving “due process of law”). Respondents’ argument  
28 mistakenly relies heavily on *DHS v. Thuraissigiam*, 591 U.S. 103 (2020) and *Nishimura Ekiu v.*  
*U.S.*, 142 U.S. 651 (1892), both of which involved noncitizens *arriving* at the border, rather than  
noncitizens like Petitioner who are already in the U.S. These cases only reiterate that noncitizens

1 who have not yet entered the U.S. “stand[ ] on a different footing” than those who have “passed  
2 through our gates,” even illegally. *See Mezei*, 345 U.S. at 212.

3 As for the second factor, the risk of erroneous deprivation in this case is extraordinarily  
4 high, as ICE has not shown any changed circumstances to warrant Petitioner’s re-detention and  
5 Petitioner has not been afforded a bond hearing to establish whether he poses a danger to the  
6 community or a flight risk. Should this Court order Petitioner’s release, the additional imposition  
7 of a pre-deprivation hearing before Petitioner can be re-detained would mitigate the risk of  
8 erroneous deprivation.

9 Respondents’ claims regarding the constitutionality of protections afforded to other  
10 noncitizens detained under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) are entirely irrelevant here, as Respondents also  
11 claim that Petitioner is subject to mandatory detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A) and, as such,  
12 Petitioner is not receiving any of these protections. Respondents rely on cases such as *Rodriguez*  
13 *Diaz v. Garland*, 53 F.4th 1189 (9th Cir. 2022) and *Reyes v. King*, No. 1:19-cv-8674 (S.D.N.Y.  
14 Aug. 20, 2021) to argue that there are sufficient procedural protections in place such that a pre-  
15 detention hearing is not warranted. However, these courts concluded there was not a high risk of  
16 erroneous deprivation of liberty based on the procedural protections provided under § 1226(a) – a  
17 statute Respondents argue does not apply to Petitioner.

18 In stark contrast to the procedures provided in § 1226(a) and discussed in *Rodriguez Diaz*  
19 and *Reyes*, ICE did not make an individualized custody determination when re-detaining Petitioner,  
20 ICE did not show any changed circumstances to warrant revoking his parole or re-detaining him,  
21 and Petitioner has no further avenues to challenge his detention given the Board’s decision in  
22 *Matter of Yajure Hurtado*. There is therefore a very high risk of erroneous deprivation of liberty,  
23 as there are absolutely no procedures in place to mitigate this risk. Other courts, including in this  
24 circuit, have found a pre-detention hearing is warranted. *See, e.g., Bastidas Mendoza, et al. v.*  
25 *Sergio Albarran, et al.*, No. 25-CV-08205-VC, at \*1 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 26, 2025) (“petitioners have  
26 shown a strong likelihood that they are entitled to a pre-deprivation hearing before an immigration  
27 judge”).

28 The burden on the government is minimal, as bond hearings are routine. *See Doe v. Becerra*,  
No. 2:25-cv-00647-DJC-DMC, at \*2 (E.D. Cal. Mar. 3, 2025) (““In immigration court, custody  
hearings are routine and impose a minimal’ cost.”). Respondents do not explain why the

1 government's interests in immigration enforcement would be harmed by Petitioner's immediate  
2 release the imposition of a pre-deprivation hearing, as he would remain subject to removal  
3 proceedings if released and Respondents have not shown that he is a flight risk. Moreover, the  
4 government cannot have an interest in detaining Petitioner if he does not in fact pose a flight risk  
5 or a danger. *Pinchi v. Noem*, No. 5:25-CV-05632-PCP, 2025 WL 2084921, at \*5 (N.D. Cal. July  
6 24, 2025) ("Detention for its own sake, to meet an administrative quota, or because the government  
7 has not yet established constitutionally required pre-detention procedures is not a legitimate  
8 government interest.").

8 As such, the balance of factors favors Petitioner.

9 **f. Petitioner did not allege Respondents violated his Fourth Amendment Rights.**

10 Contrary to Respondents' assertions, Petitioner never claimed Respondents violated his  
11 Fourth Amendment rights. *See* ECF No. 12, at \*10 (discussing Petitioner's "allegations" in this  
12 regard).

13 **III. Conclusion**

14 Based on the above, Petitioner requests that this Court declare that Petitioner's re-detention  
15 absent a showing of changed circumstances violated his due process rights and order his release  
16 (Counts 1 and 2). Alternatively, Petitioner requests this Court declare that Petitioner can only  
17 lawfully be detained pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) and, as such, order he be released or given a  
18 bond hearing (Counts 3, 4, and 5).

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