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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

HIEU TRI NGUYEN,

Petitioner,

v.

PAMELA BONDI, Attorney General of
the United States; KRISTI NOEM,
Secretary, United States Department of
Homeland Security; CAMMILLA
WAMSLEY, Seattle Field Office
Director, United States Citizenship and
Immigration Services; WARDEN of
Immigration Detention Facility; and the
United States Immigration and Customs
Enforcement,

Respondents.

No. CV25-2024-TL

**HIEU TRI NGUYEN’S REPLY TO
FEDERAL RESPONDENTS’
RETURN MEMORANDUM**

Noted: November 14, 2025

I. INTRODUCTION

Hieu Tri Nguyen immigrated to the United States from Vietnam when he was 17 years old. He was sponsored by his father, who had fled Vietnam years earlier as a political refugee. Mr. Nguyen’s childhood years in Vietnam were marked by discrimination, abuse, and trauma, experiences Mr. Nguyen did not fully process for decades. Now, all of Mr. Nguyen’s immediate family live in the United States, including his mother,¹ his siblings, and his children. Most of Mr. Nguyen’s family are U.S. citizens and he has scant even extended family remaining in Vietnam. Dkt. 1 at 5–6.

¹ Mr. Nguyen’s father has passed away.

1 Following a prison sentence in California, Mr. Nguyen was ordered removed to
2 Vietnam on November 14, 2001. Dkt. 13 at 5; Dkt. 15-3. Over 23 years later, and after
3 Mr. Nguyen has spent almost 10 months in Immigration and Customs Enforcement
4 (ICE) custody following entry of this order, ICE has yet to submit a request for travel
5 documents for Mr. Nguyen to Vietnam. Because the six-month grace period for
6 removal—which began at the start of the removal period in 2001—has ended, and
7 Respondents have not demonstrated that Mr. Nguyen’s removal will likely occur in the
8 reasonably foreseeable future, this petition should be granted and Mr. Nguyen released.
9 There is “nothing in the current record to suggest that releasing [Mr. Nguyen] would
10 impede the government’s ability to remove him to Vietnam if the necessary travel
11 document is obtained.” *Hoac v. Becerra*, No. CV25-01740-DC-JDP, 2025 WL
12 1993771, at *6 (E.D. Cal. July 16, 2025). To the contrary, even while he has been
13 detained, Mr. Nguyen’s family and friends have tried to assist and inquire about
14 anything needed to request travel documents. Dkt. 1 at 7.

15 And contrary to Respondents’ argument, ongoing detention is not justified by
16 Respondents’ claim that Mr. Nguyen is dangerous. Dkt. 13 at 7. Such argument was
17 rejected by *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001). And Mr. Nguyen in fact has
18 substantially rehabilitated himself during his lengthy prison sentence, and the State of
19 California has correctly assessed that he can and should be released.

20 Lastly, Mr. Nguyen’s claim pertaining to third-country removal is ripe for
21 determination.

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1 **II. ARGUMENT**

2 **A. The Court should order Mr. Nguyen released because Respondents**
3 **have offered no credible evidence that his removal is significantly**
4 **likely in the reasonably foreseeable future.**

5 **1. The six-month presumptively reasonable grace period under**
6 ***Zadvydas* has ended.**

7 In *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001), the Supreme Court held that the
8 government does not have unrestricted authority to indefinitely detain people who have
9 been ordered deported. Because indefinite detention of a non-citizen in immigration
10 custody raises “a serious constitutional problem,” *id.* at 690, the Court ruled that it is
11 “presumptively reasonable” under the Immigration and Nationality Act to detain an
12 individual for six months following a removal order. *Id.* at 701. After that time, if
13 removal is not “significantly likely in the reasonably foreseeable future,” the
14 government must release the petitioner. *Id.*

15 Mr. Nguyen bears an initial burden of showing “that there is good reason to
16 believe that there is no significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable
17 future.” *Nguyen v. Scott*, No. CV25-1398-TMC, -- F.Supp.3d --, 2025 WL 2419288, at
18 *13 (W.D. Wash. Aug. 21, 2025) (cleaned up). The burden then shifts to the
19 government—here the government Respondents—to “introduce evidence to refute that
20 assertion.” *Id.* (internal quotation marks omitted). *See also Hernandez-Escalante v.*
21 *Noem*, et al., No. CV25-00182-MJT, 2025 WL 2206113, at *3 (E.D. Tex. Aug. 2, 2025)
22 (“These regulations [8 C.F.R. § 241.13] clearly indicate, upon revocation of an order
23 of supervision, it is the [government’s] burden to show a significant likelihood that the
24 [non-citizen] may be removed.”) (collecting cases).

25 Here, the Respondents appear to concede that the six months during which post-
26 removal order detention is presumptively reasonable under *Zadvydas* has passed,
stating:

1 Since his prison release, [Mr. Nguyen] has been in custody 149 days as of
2 the date of this filing. ***While in the aggregate, the “presumptively***
3 ***reasonable” six-month custody period has expired*** – Petitioner has been
in ICE custody for less than five months since his release from a lengthy
prison sentence. *Zadvydas*, 533 U.S. at 701.

4 Dkt 13 at 4 (emphasis added). Yet Respondents also claims they are not conceding that
5 the six-month period should be calculated in aggregate detention as opposed to a period
6 of detention following each new arrest by ICE. *See id.* at 7. Respondents present no
7 legal authority for the supposed proposition that there is a six-month “presumptively
8 reasonable” period of detention following each post-removal order arrest by ICE. *See*
9 *generally id.*

10 There is no dispute that ICE has detained Mr. Nguyen for over nine months after
11 his removal order was finalized. *See* Dkt. 13 at 7. Indeed, as of this filing, it has been
12 nearly 10 months in total. This alone places this case outside of the presumptively
13 reasonable six-month period under *Zadvydas*. *See Tang v. Bondi*, No. 2:25-CV-01473-
14 RAJ-TLF, 2025 WL 2637750, at *4 (W.D. Wash. Sept. 11, 2025) (“A petitioner’s total
15 length of confinement need not be consecutive to reach the six-month presumptively
16 reasonable limit established in *Zadvydas*.”).

17 In fact, the six-month period under *Zadvydas* expired decades ago. This period
18 runs from the entry of the final removal order, irrespective of detention or release
19 during that time. It lasts only for “six months after a final order of removal—that is,
20 three months after the statutory removal period has ended.” *Kim Ho Ma v. Ashcroft*, 257
21 F.3d 1095, 1102 n.5 (9th Cir. 2001). As the Ninth Circuit has recognized, the six-month
22 grace period is pegged to the start of the removal period. *See Ma*, 257 F.3d at 1102 n.5
23 (“[I]n *Zadvydas*, the Supreme Court read the statute to permit a ‘presumptively
24 reasonable’ detention period of *six months* after a final order of removal—that is, *three*
25 *months* after the statutory removal period has ended.”); *Rodriguez v. Hayes*, 591 F.3d
26 1105, 1115 (9th Cir. 2010), *overruled in other part by Jennings v. Rodriguez*, 583 U.S.

1 281 (2018) (“The [*Zadvydas*] Court determined that for six months following the
2 beginning of the removal period [a non-citizen]’s detention was presumptively
3 authorized.”). It is not calculated based on the length of detention. *See Bailey v. Lynch*,
4 No. CV 16-2600 (JLL), 2016 WL 5791407, at *2 (D.N.J. Oct. 3, 2016) (where order of
5 removal became effective upon the petitioner’s release from underlying conviction to
6 ICE authorities, after which he was held only “briefly” before being released on an
7 order of supervision, the *Zadvydas* Court’s presumptively reasonable period ended
8 “long before he was taken back into custody[.]”)

9 Recently, in *Tran v. Bondi*, No. C25-01897-JLR, 2025 WL 3140462 (W.D.
10 Wash. Nov. 10, 2025), the Hon. James L. Robart held that the petitioner’s “*Zadvydas*
11 grace period ended six months following the entry of the order of his removal[.]” *Id.* at
12 *3. The court reached that conclusion even though the petitioner was not detained until
13 two years later, and Respondents argued that only five months of the *Zadvydas* six-
14 month period had expired, based on the times when petitioner was detained. *See Federal*
15 *Respondents’ Return Memorandum and Motion to Dismiss*, dkt. 13 at 1, 7 (Oct. 27,
16 2025). *See also, e.g., Tadros v. Noem*, No. 25-4108-EP, 2025 WL 1678501, at *3
17 (D.N.J. June 13, 2025) (finding that “six-month detention period under *Zadvydas*”
18 period began upon affirmance of removal order, rejecting argument that petitioner
19 could not obtain habeas relief because he had not yet been in detention for six months).

20 The Respondents’ contrary argument also conflicts with *Zadvydas*’s reasoning.
21 *Zadvydas* established the six-month grace period to allow ICE to effectuate the removal
22 before a court’s involvement. 533 U.S. at 700–01. That was why the Court chose to
23 expand the grace period beyond the 90-day statutory removal period: because Congress
24 likely did not “believe[] that all reasonably foreseeable removals could be
25 accomplished in that time.” *Id.* at 701. But in Mr. Nguyen’s case, ICE has had well over
26 six months to remove him. The final removal order was issued over 23 years ago,

1 during which ICE has had no success removing him. That Mr. Nguyen was on release
2 for a large portion of that time makes no difference. ICE could have arranged for his
3 removal whether he was in a prison cell or at liberty in the community. ICE also had
4 many opportunities during his regular check-ins for years to enlist Mr. Nguyen's help in
5 applying for travel documents. Having been given much more than six months to try to
6 remove Mr. Nguyen, there is no principled reason to give ICE an additional grace
7 period.

8 Here, Mr. Nguyen's order of removal was entered on November 14, 2001. Dkt.
9 15-3. Thus, his 90-day removal period began then. 8 U.S.C. § 1231 (a)(1)(B). The
10 *Zadvydas* grace period ended six months after the entry of Mr. Nguyen's removal order
11 and three months after his 90-day removal period, both of which occurred in April of
12 2002. And, Mr. Nguyen has spent almost 10 months in ICE custody after the entry of
13 the removal order. By any legally supported means of calculation, the threshold
14 requirement is met.

15 **2. Respondents have failed to meet its burden of showing that**
16 **Mr. Nguyen will be removed in the reasonably foreseeable**
17 **future.**

18 The Respondents assert "Petitioner's removal will likely occur in the reasonably
19 foreseeable future." Dkt. 13 at 8. But they provide no individualized evidence
20 supporting this assertion. *See Nguyen v. Hyde*, No. CV25-11470-MJJ, 2025 WL
21 1725791, *4 (D. Mass. June 20, 2025) (generalized evidence of removals to Vietnam is
22 insufficient).

23 As the government concedes, ICE did not ask Mr. Nguyen to fill out paperwork
24 to request travel documents from Vietnam until after taking him into custody—on June
25 19, 2025. Dkt. 13 at 6. This was over four years after the most recent agreement
26 *See* Dkt. 1 at 9; Dkt. 1-1. As ICE was plainly aware, Mr. Nguyen was confined in a

1 California State Prison throughout this time, where ICE could have easily written to
2 him to request he complete any needed paperwork. ICE did not do so.

3 Furthermore, despite Mr. Nguyen's prompt and complete cooperation with the
4 process, returning the requested forms in just four days, Dkt. 13 at 6, Respondents
5 concede they have yet to submit a request for travel documents to Vietnam nearly five
6 months later. *See id.* at 8. Respondents decline to list the date they sought translation of
7 Mr. Nguyen's forms so they could be sent to Vietnamese officials, *id.* at 6, yet blame
8 the delay on "some delay in receiving Petitioner's translated application materials," *id.*
9 at 8. Respondents further provide no information or estimate as to when they will
10 complete any translations needed to submit the documents to Vietnam. *See generally id.*

11 If Respondents view five months' delay as merely "some delay" to translate a
12 single application for travel documents, there is no reason to believe they will complete
13 this translation, submit an application for travel documents, or make any progress
14 toward actually deporting Mr. Nguyen any time soon. Respondents' own delay in even
15 seeking travel documents demonstrates that deportation is not likely to occur in the
16 reasonably foreseeable future. *See, e.g., Nguyen, 2025 WL 2419288, at *14* (finding
17 petitioner met its burden, stating "[t]o start, Petitioner has shown that ICE did not even
18 request that that Vietnam issue him a travel document until after he filed a habeas
19 petition.").

20 Further, Respondents provide no substantiation for their claim that "ICE
21 anticipates receiving travel documents expeditiously because the government of
22 Vietnam has agreed to issue travel documents within 30 days." Dkt. 13 at 7–8. Rather,
23 it has been over two decades since an order of removal was entered against Mr.
24 Nguyen, and "Vietnam has long refused to accept for deportation Vietnamese nationals
25 who came to the United States as refugees before 1995." *Nguyen, 2025 WL 2419288, at*
26 **6* (citing *Trinh v. Homan, 466 F.Supp.3d 1077, 1083 (C.D. Cal. 2020)*). *See also Hoac*

1 *v. Becerra*, No. CV25-1740-DC-JDP, 2025 WL 1993771, at *5 (E.D. Cal. July 16,
2 2025) (“Respondents’ contention that Petitioner’s removal is reasonably foreseeable
3 because removals to Vietnam are in fact occurring is unpersuasive.”).

4 While the Respondents optimistically assert that “[t]here is no reason to believe
5 that” Vietnam will refuse to accept Mr. Nguyen, dkt. 13 at 8, they have provided no
6 information about Vietnam’s criteria for approving repatriation, whether Mr. Nguyen
7 meets that criteria,² and concede that ICE has yet to even submit a request for travel
8 documents to Vietnam. Neither the supposedly forthcoming request nor the
9 accompanying documentation are part of the record—documents which are in
10 Respondents’ possession and control. Yet, such information is necessary to evaluate the
11 likelihood of even eventual deportation because “[t]he process [for requesting travel
12 documents] is highly dependent on the individualized facts of each case, including
13 whether the individual has any family remaining in Vietnam, whether their Vietnamese
14 identity can be verified, their criminal records, and the manner in which they left
15 Vietnam and came to the United States among other factors.” Dkt. 1-2 (Declaration of
16 experienced immigration attorney Tin Thanh Nguyen, filed with Habeas petition) at 4.

17 The court in *Nguyen* also found noteworthy that, as here, the petitioner there was
18 “not just an immigrant from Vietnam who happened to arrive in the United States
19 before 1995; he is a refugee who fled Vietnam after the fall of Saigon” as a young
20 child. *Id.* at *14. Mr. Nguyen similarly arrived in the United States as a minor,
21 sponsored by his father who fled Vietnam as a political refugee. *See* Dkt. 1 at 5–6.

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23 ² While ICE and Vietnam have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that sets forth
24 Vietnam’s criteria for repatriation, the government has not provided a copy of the MOU
25 to the Court or disclosed the full criteria. *See Nguyen*, 2025 WL 2419288, at *14 (“The
26 Court does not know what factors the Vietnamese government considers in deciding to
repatriate a pre-1995 immigrant This information has been redacted from the
publicly available version of the 2020 MOU, and Respondents have not offered it.”).

1 Here, it appears highly unlikely that Mr. Nguyen will meet Vietnam’s criteria for
2 repatriation. He has no permanent address in Vietnam, nor does he have a Vietnamese
3 passport or similar identification. His immediate family, including his mother and
4 siblings, lives in the United States. So too do his children, who were born in the United
5 States. Even most of Mr. Nguyen’s extended or distant family do not live in Vietnam.
6 *See* Dkt. 1 at 6–7.

7 Moreover, the attached declaration of Katie Hurrelbrink, appellate attorney for
8 the Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., which was filed in *Ha Thu Thi Nguyen v.*
9 *Bondi, et. al.*,³ refutes the government’s generalized statement that it anticipates
10 receiving travel documents “expeditiously.” Dkt. 13 at 8. In Ms. Hurrelbrink’s
11 experience representing numerous Vietnamese immigrants detained following removal
12 orders, many Vietnamese immigrants “have been in detention for months without
13 receiving a travel document” and she has “never seen Vietnam respond to a travel
14 document request within 30 days.” Ex. A at ¶¶ 5, 7. The declaration of immigration
15 specialist Tin Thanh Nguyen, also filed in *Ha Thu Thi Nguyen*⁴ (and favorably credited
16 by the court in *Nguyen v. Scott*, 2025 WL 2419288, at *15) further belies the
17 government’s representations. Tin Thanh Nguyen explains that, this year alone, he has
18 worked on or assisted with nearly a hundred cases of pre-1995 immigrants “for whom
19 ICE has requested travel documents from Vietnam.” Dkt. 1-2 at ¶ 12. Across these
20 cases, Mr. Nguyen has “yet to see Vietnam issue a travel document within 30 days or
21 less” for a pre-1995 arrival. *Id.* Rather, in his experience, “it can take many months to
22 get any answer from Vietnam about whether it will issue a travel document.” *Id.*

23 On this record, there is insufficient evidence to support Respondents’ assertion
24 that Vietnam will repatriate Mr. Nguyen in the reasonably foreseeable future.

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26 ³ *Ha Thu Thi Nguyen v. Bondi et. al.*, 25-cv-01833-JNW, dkt. 15-1.

⁴ Filed with Mr. Nguyen’s Habeas Petition here at Dkt. 1-2.

1 **B. Respondents’ argument that they can detain Mr. Nguyen because**
2 **they view him as dangerous is foreclosed by *Zadvydas*.**

3 Respondents’ primary argument for detaining Mr. Nguyen—that they view him
4 as dangerous—is unsupported by law or fact. Respondents argue, “[t]he danger
5 Petitioner poses to the community must be considered when determining the
6 reasonableness of his detention to date.” Dkt. 13 at 7. In support of this argument,
7 Respondents offer only a citation to 8 U.S.C. § 1231(a)(6) which authorizes continued
8 detention of some people ordered removed on criminal grounds beyond the 90-day
9 statutory removal period. *Id.* This limited authority to detain some immigrants for
10 longer than 90 days in order to effectuate their removal was understood and accounted
11 for by the Court in *Zadvydas*. Yet *Zadvydas* explicitly rejected the argument that ICE
12 may detain an immigrant—even someone ICE views as dangerous—when there is no
13 reasonable likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future. 533 U.S. at 684–
14 91.

15 The two petitioners in *Zadvydas* both had significant criminal history.
16 Mr. *Zadvydas* himself had “a long criminal record, involving drug crimes, attempted
17 robbery, attempted burglary, and theft,” as well as “a history of flight, from both
18 criminal and deportation proceedings.” *Id.* at 684. The other petitioner, Kim Ho Ma,
19 was “involved in a gang-related shooting [and] convicted of manslaughter.” *Id.* at 685.
20 The government argued that both men could be detained regardless of their likelihood
21 of removal, because they posed too great a risk of danger or flight. *Id.* at 690–91.

22 The Supreme Court rejected that argument. The Court appreciated the
23 seriousness of the government’s concerns. *Id.* at 691. But the Court found that the
24 immigrant’s liberty interests were weightier. *Id.* The Court had never countenanced
25 “potentially permanent” “civil confinement,” based only on the government’s belief
26 that the person would misbehave in the future. *Id.*

1 The Court also noted that the government was free to use the many tools at its
2 disposal to mitigate risk: “[O]f course, the [non-citizen]’s release may and should be
3 conditioned on any of the various forms of supervised release that are appropriate in the
4 circumstances, and the [non-citizen] may no doubt be returned to custody upon a
5 violation of those conditions.” *Id.* at 700. The Ninth Circuit later elaborated:

6 All [non-citizens] ordered released must comply with the stringent
7 supervision requirements set out in 8 U.S.C. § 1231(a)(3). [They] will
8 have to appear before an immigration officer periodically, answer certain
9 questions, submit to medical or psychiatric testing as necessary, and
10 accept reasonable restrictions on [their] conduct and activities, including
11 severe travel limitations. More important, if [they] engage[] in any
12 criminal activity during this time, including violation of [their]
13 supervisory release conditions, [they] can be detained and incarcerated as
14 part of the normal criminal process.

15 *Ma*, 257 F.3d at 1115.

16 Here, Mr. Nguyen indeed was convicted of a serious crime while under a
17 previous order of supervision. However, as Respondents acknowledge, he spent over 12
18 years in prison for that crime. Dkt. 13 at 7. Such accountability by the “normal criminal
19 process” is precisely the sanction the Ninth Circuit recognized as appropriate for this
20 situation. *Ma*, 257 F.3d at 1115. There is no legal support for Respondents’ claim that it
21 may detain Mr. Nguyen without a significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably
22 foreseeable future because they view him as dangerous.

23 Respondents also fail to acknowledge or respond to the substantial rehabilitation
24 that Mr. Nguyen completed during his time in custody. During that time, he engaged in
25 vocational training and furthered his education. More importantly, he engaged in mental
26 health treatment and for the first time in his life meaningfully processed his own trauma
experiences and learned to better manage and react to trauma symptoms and responses.
See Dkt. 1 at 6. As the State of California has already correctly assessed in releasing

1 Mr. Nguyen, he does not present a danger to others, and certainly does not present a
2 risk that could not be managed by supervision.

3 Respondents' claim that Mr. Nguyen is dangerous, requiring detention, is
4 incorrect and also irrelevant. The Court in *Zadvydas* plainly rejected the argument that
5 ICE can detain someone it deems dangerous indefinitely and held that detention must
6 cease when there is no significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable
7 future. 533 U.S. at 684–91. ICE may not extend a criminal sentence beyond that
8 properly decided by a Judge in a criminal case. ICE may not separately punish a person
9 for a crime. ICE may not detain someone to prevent some predicted future crime. ICE
10 may detain people for limited purposes relevant to *immigration* enforcement—here, to
11 effectuate removal in the reasonably foreseeable future. Because there is no significant
12 likelihood of Mr. Nguyen's removal in the reasonably foreseeable future, ICE cannot
13 continue to detain him.

14 Mr. Nguyen asks this Court to grant his petition for a writ of habeas corpus and
15 to order his immediate release.

16 **C. As numerous courts have held, Mr. Nguyen's claim that ICE should**
17 **be prevented from removing him to a third country without due**
18 **process or as punishment is ripe.**

19 Respondents also assert that Mr. Nguyen lacks standing to request an order
20 precluding ICE from removing him to a third country because ICE has no current plan
21 to remove him to any country other than Vietnam. Dkt. 13 at 9. A similar argument was
22 rejected in *Nguyen v. Scott*. There, government respondents similarly represented that
23 they were seeking only to remove the petitioner to his home country of Vietnam and
24 stipulated that they would not attempt to remove him to any other country unless
25 Vietnam rejected him. 2025 WL 2419288, at *27. The court was unpersuaded,
26 explaining that “the Ninth Circuit has found such voluntary promises insufficient” to
eliminate the potential irreparable injury that petitioner could face if the promises were

1 withdrawn, particularly given the underlying allegations that third-party removals were
2 being conducted rapidly and without an opportunity for process. *Id.* at *27–28. *See also*
3 *Tran v. Scott*, No. 2:25-CV-01886-TMC-BAT, 2025 WL 2898638, at *4 (W.D. Wash.
4 Oct. 12, 2025) (stating that in petitioner’s previous petition, ICE represented that
5 removal to Vietnam was “likely to occur within two months” but “[i]n fact, ICE took no
6 further steps to obtain a travel document for Petitioner or effectuate her removal until
7 after she filed this habeas action—while she has languished needlessly in detention for
8 five months”); *see also id.* (court pointing out in another case that government had
9 represented a travel document was “in the mail,” yet counsel from that case stated
10 neither she nor her client had received it more than a month later).

11 Moreover, in *Louangmilith v. Noem, et al.*, No. 25-cv-2502-JES-MSB, 2025 WL
12 2881578 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 9, 2025), the court rejected government respondents’ exact
13 argument here that “this situation is not ripe for adjudication because ICE is not seeking
14 to remove Petitioner to a third country.” *Id.* at *4. Despite the government respondents’
15 representations, the court citing to *Nguyen v. Scott*, 2025 WL 2419288, at *27, stated it
16 was “more persuaded by Petitioner’s arguments” that “by the time [the claim] is ripe by
17 the government’s argument, it will be too late for the individuals to meaningfully
18 challenge the removal.” *Id.* (granting petition on claim that ICE should be prevented
19 from removing petitioner to a third country without due process).

20 In addition, the events cited in Mr. Nguyen’s petition, dkt. 1 at 16–24,
21 demonstrate that the government, including Respondents here, has undertaken rapid
22 third-country removals without even the process required by its own regulations, further
23 showing that such an action against Mr. Nguyen is sufficiently likely to make the matter
24 ripe.

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1 **III. CONCLUSION**

2 Based on the foregoing, the Court should grant the petition in its entirety.

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4 DATED this 14th day of November 2025.

5 Respectfully submitted,

6 *s/ Rebecca Fish*
7 Assistant Federal Public Defender
8 Attorney for Hieu Tri Nguyen
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