

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

WENXIN LIANG

Petitioner,

v.

JUDITH ALMODOVAR, *et al.*,

Respondents.

No. 25-CV-9322 (MKV)

DECLARATION OF ACTING SUPERVISORY
DETENTION AND DEPORTATION OFFICER
MINCHEOL SO

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Mincheol So, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

1. I am an Acting Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”). I have served in this capacity since November 2025. Previously, I served as a Deportation Officer since 2015. I manage the cases of aliens who are in immigration proceedings. Once an alien is ordered removed from the United States, I facilitate the alien’s removal by coordinating with the government of that alien’s country of removal to obtain proper travel documents.
2. I have prepared this declaration in connection with a Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus filed by the petitioner, Wenxin Liang (“Liang”), who has been assigned the following Alien  The following representations are based on my personal knowledge, review of Liang’s administrative file, consultation with my colleagues, and ICE electronic records and databases.
3. Liang is a native and citizen of China.
4. On October 30, 2023, a Border Patrol Officer with United States Border Patrol (“USBP”) encountered Liang near the San Diego California Border Patrol Sector Area and determined

that Liang unlawfully entered the United States from Mexico and was not inspected by an Immigration Officer. Liang admitted that he was a native and citizen of China and that he had illegally entered the United States. Liang was arrested and transported to a nearby Border Patrol facility for processing.

5. On November 1, 2023, USBP served Liang with a Notice to Appear (“NTA”), charging him as inadmissible pursuant to Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”) § 212(a)(6)(A)(i), 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(6)(A)(i), as an alien present in the United States without being admitted or paroled, or who arrived in the United State at a time or place other than as designated by the Attorney General. The NTA directed Liang to appear for a hearing before an Immigration Judge on February 29, 2024, at 26 Federal Plaza in Manhattan (“26 Federal Plaza”).
6. That same day, after serving Liang with the NTA, USBP served Liang with a Form I-200 warrant for his arrest under INA section 236. USBP then released Liang on his own recognizance due to lack of bedspace, issuing Liang a Form I-220A (Order of Release on Recognizance).
7. On November 17, 2023, the NTA was filed with the Immigration Court at 26 Federal Plaza, thereby commencing removal proceedings against Liang.
8. On December 25, 2023, Liang reported to ICE, in person at 26 Federal Plaza and confirmed his address and phone number.
9. On November 20, 2023, the Immigration Court at 26 Federal Plaza sent a notice to Liang rescheduling his initial hearing to March 13, 2024.

10. On March 8, 2024, the Immigration Court at 26 Federal Plaza, rescheduled Liang's hearing for August 25, 2025, and ordered that all applications for relief, evidence, and briefs must be filed within 60 days.
11. On May 7, 2024, Liang filed an application for relief from removal with the Immigration Court.
12. On September 16, 2024, Liang, through counsel, filed written pleadings to the NTA, admitting the charges and conceding removability.
13. On July 21, 2025, the Immigration Court at 26 Federal Plaza reset the hearing to April 25, 2028.
14. On November 7, 2025, Liang reported to ICE in person at 26 Federal Plaza pursuant to a routine check in. After a review of Liang's case, and in light of bedspace now being available, ICE took Liang into custody, thereby canceling Liang's Order of Release on Recognizance. Although the cancelling occurred on November 7, 2025, the I-220A canceling the Order of Release on Recognizance was signed on November 24, 2025.
15. During processing, ICE served Liang with an I-200 Warrant for Arrest of Alien. Pending completion of removal proceedings, Liang's detention is governed by INA § 235(b)(2)(A), 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A).
16. On November 7, 2025, Liang was transported to Delaney Hall Detention Facility in Newark, New Jersey. On November 17, 2025, Liang was transported to the Joe Corely Processing Center in Conroe Texas.
17. Liang's removal proceedings have been transferred to the detained docket at the Conroe Immigration Court in Conroe, Texas, and Liang is scheduled to appear for a master calendar hearing on December 9, 2025.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at New York, New York

This 24 day of November 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mincheol So', written over a horizontal line.

Mincheol So

(A) Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
U.S. Department of Homeland Security