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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

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| Freyli M. GARCIA GONZALEZ, |) | |
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| Petitioner, |) | Civil Action No. |
| |) | |
| v. |) | |
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| PAM BONDI, |) | |
| Attorney General of the |) | |
| United States of America, and, |) | Hon. |
| |) | |
| KRISTI NOEM, |) | |
| Secretary of the Department of |) | |
| Homeland Security, (DHS) and, |) | |
| |) | |
| TODD LYONS, Acting Director, |) | |
| United States Immigration and |) | |
| Customs Enforcement (ICE), and, |) | |
| |) | |
| JOHN TSOUKARIS, Warden, |) | |
| Delaney Hall Detention Facility, |) | |
| |) | |
| Respondents. |) | |

VERIFIED HABEAS CORPUS PETITION

INTRODUCTION

1. The Petitioner, a 47-year-old male native and citizen of Guatemala who has been detained at the Delaney Hall Detention Facility since his arrest by ICE on November 5, 2025, and may be removed out of the jurisdiction, hereby petitions the U.S. District Court to declare his mandatory detention without bond unlawful and stay his removal outside of the New Jersey jurisdiction.

2. The Petitioner was detained in NY, NY by ICE and brought to Newark, New Jersey.
3. Petitioner has no criminal arrests, offense or adjudication of an underlying offense in any jurisdiction in the United States.
4. He is now placed on the detained docket and will be subject to removal proceedings before the Elizabeth Immigration Court at 625 Evans Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
5. Due to a new policy adopted by Respondents in July of 2025, all aliens such as Petitioner (who have not been admitted to the U.S.) are now subject to mandatory detention without bond. And even though the New Jersey District Court (Hon. Katharine Hayden) has already ruled that application of this new policy is unlawful as applied to aliens such as the Petitioner, who have resided in the U.S., the Respondents have unlawfully detained Petitioner pursuant to the same mandatory detention policy while his removal proceedings are pending.
6. Thus, Petitioner petitions this Court for an order declaring his mandatory detention unlawful.

JURISDICTION

7. This action arises under the United States Constitution and the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. §§ 1101 et seq.. This Court has habeas corpus jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 et. seq., and Art. I & 9, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution (Suspension Clause).

8. Petitioner is detained at the Delaney Hall Detention Center, Newark, New Jersey under the authority of the United States in violation of the Constitution and laws of the United States.

VENUE

9. Venue lies with this Court because Petitioner is detained at the Delaney Hall Detention Center in Newark, New Jersey.

PARTIES

10. Petitioner is a 47-year-old male, native and citizen of Guatemala, who has been detained at the Delaney Hall Detention Facility since November 5, 2025.
11. He seeks issuance of a writ of habeas corpus.
12. Respondent Pam Bondi is sued in her official capacity as the Attorney General of the United States. In this capacity she is responsible for administering and enforcing the immigration laws pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1103 and is the Petitioner's legal custodian.
13. Respondent Kristi Noem is sued in her official capacity as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, the agency in charge of administering and enforcing the immigration laws in New Jersey and is the Petitioner's legal custodian.
14. Respondent Todd Lyons is sued in his official capacity as the Acting Director of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) the department within the Department of Homeland Security and, in this capacity, he is responsible for administering and enforcing the immigration laws in New Jersey and is Petitioner's legal custodian.

15. Respondent John Tsoukaris is sued in his official capacity as the Warden of the Delaney Hall Detention Facility and, in this capacity, he is the Petitioner's actual physical custodian.

FACTS

16. Petitioner is a 47-year-old male, native and citizen of Guatemala who entered the United States without inspection in June of 2000 and has been living in the US without incident or criminal records until he was picked up by ICE a few days ago and placed in mandatory detention. He has two US citizen sons ages 15 and 13 and will be seeking 10-year cancellation of removal as a form of relief in removal proceedings.
17. - He resided in Staten Island, NY with his family before his detention.
18. Petitioner is being detained solely based on a new policy adopted by DHS in July of 2025 which now subjects all aliens living in the U.S. who have not been admitted to mandatory detention even those such as Petitioner who have lengthy ties to the U.S. and no criminal record.
19. Given this new mandatory detention policy and the practice by ICE of removing aliens to distant parts of the U.S., the Petitioner faces a violation of his constitutional and due process and statutory rights under the INA and seeks immediately release from mandatory detention a detention statute, INA 235, that clearly does not apply to him.
20. The Petitioner does not have a final order of removal.
21. The Petitioner's removal proceedings are now or will be pending before the Elizabeth Immigration Court.

22. The Petitioner has no warrants or negative criminal history that would cause him to be a flight risk or danger to society.
23. The Petitioner has exhausted all administrative remedies because the Immigration Courts are bound by this new policy and by the Board of Immigration Appeals and cannot consider constitutional claims. On November 13, 2025, the Elizabeth Immigration Court denied the Petitioner's bond request solely based on this new mandatory detention policy. See Attached Exhibit A.
24. In a similar case last month, Judge Katharine Hayden ruled that this new mandatory detention policy is unlawful as applied to individuals such as the Petitioner who are not seeking admission at the border, but Respondents nonetheless seek to continue to detain Petitioner under this illegal application of the incorrect statute.
25. Thus, Petitioner has exhausted his administrative remedies and seeks a habeas order from this Court finding that his detention under 235 of the INA (a statute that is normally applied to aliens at the border who have never entered the U.S.) is illegal as applied to him.
26. Petitioner's removal from the United States cannot be effectuated in the reasonably foreseeable future. Absent judicial review of his custody claim, Petitioner will suffer irreparable injury by being deprived of his physical liberty without due process and in violation of the INA. He seeks the only avenue of judicial review available to him, habeas review. He also seeks injunctive relief or restraints given that this issue has been exhaustively litigated in a similar case

before other Judges in this district court and application of the INA 235 statute is clearly illegal as applied to the Petitioner.

COUNT I

27. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 26 above are repeated and realleged as though fully set forth herein. Petitioner's continued detention violates the Due Process clause of the United States Constitution.

COUNT II

28. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 26 are repeated and realleged as though fully set forth herein. Petitioner's detention is not authorized by the Immigration and Nationality Act.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this Court:

1. Issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus directed to Respondents requiring them to immediate release the Petitioner from custody or provide him with an individualized bond hearing.
2. Award Petitioner costs and attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412.
3. Grant any other and further relief that this Court may deem necessary and proper.

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Dated: November 13, 2025

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VERIFICATION

I, Freyli M. Garcia Gonzalez, declare under penalty of perjury in accordance with 28

U.S.C. § 1746 as follows:

1. I am the plaintiff-petitioner in this matter and am personally familiar with the facts of my case;
2. I have read the allegations contained in the foregoing Complaint and to the best of my knowledge, those allegations are true based upon my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Executed on November 13, 2025 in the city of Newark, NJ

s/ Freyli M. Garcia Gonzalez
FREYLI M. GARCIA GONZALEZ

VERIFICATION BY COUNSEL

I, Regis Fernandez, declare under penalty of perjury in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746 as follows:

1. I am the attorney for plaintiff-petitioner in this matter and am personally familiar with the facts of his case;
2. I have read the allegations contained in the foregoing Complaint and to the best of my knowledge, those allegations are true based upon my personal knowledge, information and belief.
3. I have also reviewed any the documents attached to this habeas petition and confirm that they are true copies of the originals and that all the facts or allegations ascertained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and experience.

Executed on November 13, 2025 in the city of Newark, NJ

s/ Regis Fernandez
REGIS FERNANDEZ, ESQ.

LIST OF EXHIBITS

- A. Elizabeth Immigration Court decision dated November 13, 2025 denying Bond.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
ELIZABETH IMMIGRATION COURT

Respondent Name:

GARCIA GONZALEZ, FREYLI MISAEAL

To:

Hecht, Leonard H
729 Seventh Avenue
14th floor
New York, NY 10019

A-Number:

Riders:

In Custody Redetermination Proceedings

Date:

11/13/2025

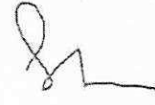
ORDER OF THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE

The respondent requested a custody redetermination pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1236. After full consideration of the evidence presented, the respondent's request for a change in custody status is hereby ordered:

- Denied, because
Respondent entered without inspection and is present in the United States without admission. Under Matter of Yajure Hurtado, the respondent is ineligible for bond.

- Granted. It is ordered that Respondent be:
 - released from custody on his own recognizance.
 - released from custody under bond of \$
 - other:

- Other:



Immigration Judge: Chen, Shana 11/13/2025


Appeal: Department of Homeland Security: waived reserved
 Respondent: waived reserved
 Appeal Due: 12/15/2025

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Respondent Name : GARCIA GONZALEZ, FREYLI MISAEL | A-Number : 

Riders:

Date: 11/13/2025 By: MUNOZ, ISSAYANA, Court Staff