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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

In the matter of:

RESPONDENT

ASTGHIK KARAKHANYAN

In Removal Proceedings

) Case Number:
) 3:25-cv-03454-JO-MMP

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) DECLARATION OF
) PETITIONER ASTGHIK
) KARAKHANYAN

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) Hearing:
) Oral Argument:
) December 18, 2025, at 9:30AM Honorable
) Judge Jinsook Ohta

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, undersigned counsel, hereby certify that on this date, I filed this DECLARATION OF PETITIONER ASTGHIK KARAKHANYAN by electronic filing EAC.

DATED: December 17, 2025

Respectfully submitted



Naira Zohrabyan
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Statement

In addition to my Habeas petition, I am submitting my statement:

I, Astghik Vazgen Karakhanyan, born on [REDACTED] 1978, am a citizen of the Republic of Armenia. I entered the United States of America on December 20, 2024, to request political asylum. I fled my country because of violence, arrests, and potential death threats against me. All of this was due to my opposition political views and activism. My father, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] political stance as a prominent Armenian politician, also played a significant role.

The current authorities, led by Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan, are carrying out unlawful persecution and pressure against the opposition wing, especially active members of the Republican Party, of which I also became a victim and target. As a result, in a severe psychological and health condition, I sought protection in the U.S., relying on legal assistance.

Unfortunately, the judicial process, and especially the final hearing, has been delayed for more than nine months for unfounded reasons. The last Master hearing took place on March 13, 2025.

On July 15, 2025, the final hearing was postponed because Judge George Najan left his position. Then, on September 26, 2025, my attorney did not appear at the hearing, so the judge rescheduled it for October 9. However, on that day, the interpreter joined the hearing online while being in a car, which the judge deemed unacceptable, and the hearing was postponed again to November 24, 2025. During this time, I chose a new attorney, Naira Zohrabyan, to take a more responsible approach to my legal process. On November 24, the judge did not accept the I-589 application because it contained technical and formal issues, which caused the hearing to be postponed again to January 2, 2026.

Thus, I have had four postponed final hearings, and although I am fully prepared to present my case at an individual hearing, I have not had that opportunity and have been in detention for already one year. I also have the necessary evidence and witnesses.

As I mentioned earlier, I entered the U.S. with health problems that resulted from the pressure and attacks against me. While here, I have experienced frequent panic attacks, blood

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pressure fluctuations, dizziness, fainting several times, and swelling in my legs and hands. I visit a psychologist and take antidepressants, but the panic attacks continue, and my condition has not improved. My arm, which was injured during an attack against me, needs treatment and injections because the treatment was left incomplete in Armenia.

Being here, I cannot receive proper medical care. I was taken to the hospital once, but no specific help was provided.

I kindly ask you to take into account my psychological and health condition, and the fact that I have been in jail for one year, not through my fault, and allow the judicial process to continue while I am free.

December 16, 2025 /Signature/

Certificate of Translation

I, Anna Harutyunyan, certify that I am competent to
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translate between English and Armenian. I further certify
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