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December 23, 2025

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

KHUONG QUANG LE, Petitioner,	§ CIVIL ACTION NUMBER § 4:25-cv-06180 § § §
versus	§ JUDGE CHARLES ESKRIDGE § §
PAMELA BONDI, <i>et al</i> , Respondents.	§ §

ORDER

Petitioner Khuong Quang Le filed a petition for writ of *habeas corpus* on December 21, 2025. Dkt 1. He is a citizen of Vietnam who entered the United States in 1981. He alleges that he was admitted after inspection by an immigration official and later became a lawful permanent resident. Id at ¶2.

Petitioner was ordered removed from the United States on September 13, 2000, but was released on an order of supervision. Id at ¶¶3–4. After appearing for a regularly scheduled ICE check-in on November 3, 2025, he was taken into custody, where he currently remains. Id at ¶5.

Petitioner asserts that his continued detention violates (i) the Immigration and Nationality Act and accompanying regulations, (ii) the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment, and (iii) the Administrative Procedures Act. Id at ¶¶94–113. Among other relief, he seeks an order directing Respondents to show cause as to the propriety of his detention within 7 days, and an order directing his immediate release from custody on the conditions of his prior order of supervision. Id at 28–29.

To the extent Petitioner requests immediate release prior to service of Respondents, it is DENIED.

That said, Petitioner is entitled to a show-cause order pursuant to 8 USC §2243.

Respondents are thus ORDERED to show cause with a filing that establishes the propriety of Petitioner's continued detention. Such filing must be made by December 29, 2025, absent extension.

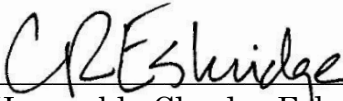
Petitioner may file any reply by January 2, 2026.

Hearing will be set if determined necessary after briefing closes. But a hearing will be set upon affirmative request by either party, either by Zoom or in person.

It is ordered that the Clerk will email this order to USATXS.CivilNotice@usdoj.gov to provide notice of this action to Respondents. Such service doesn't substitute for the requirements of formal service but is instead intended only to provide the Government notice and an opportunity to be heard at this initial juncture.

SO ORDERED.

Signed on December 23, 2025, at Houston, Texas.



Honorable Charles Eskridge
United States District Judge