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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

12 Sandeep SANDEEP and Sachin CHAHAL,
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14 Petitioners-Plaintiffs,

Case No.:

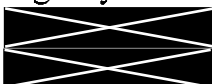

15 v.

**PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS
CORPUS AND ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE WITHIN THREE DAYS;
COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY
AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

16 Fred FIGUEROA, *in his official capacity*
17 *as Warden, Eloy Detention Center;*
18 John CANTU, *Acting Field Office*
19 *Director, Phoenix Office of Detention and*
20 *Removal, U.S. Immigrations and Customs*
21 *Enforcement; U.S. Department of*
22 *Homeland Security;*
23 Todd M. LYONS, *Acting Director,*
24 *Immigration and Customs Enforcement,*
U.S. Department of Homeland Security;
Kristi NOEM, Secretary, U.S. Department
of Homeland Security;
Pam BONDI, Attorney General of the
United States;

Challenge to Unlawful Incarceration
Under Color of Immigration Detention
Statutes; Request for Declaratory and
Injunctive Relief

Agency File Nos.:

 (Sandeep SANDEEP)
 (Sachin CHAHAL)

Respondents-Defendants.

1 Petitioners SANDEEP SANDEEP and SACHIN CHAHAL petition this Court for
2 a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 to remedy Respondents detaining him
3 unlawfully, and states as follows:

4 **INTRODUCTION**

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6 1. Petitioners, SANDEEP SANDEEP (“Mr. Sandeep”) and SACHIN CHAHAL
7 (“Mr. Chahal”), are Indian asylum seekers detained at the Eloy Detention Center in Eloy,
8 Arizona. Petitioners, by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby file this petition
9 for writ of habeas corpus and complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief to compel
10 their immediate release from immigration detention where they has been held by the U.S.
11 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) since being unlawfully re-detained on
12 December 12, 2025, without first being provided a due process hearing to determine
13 whether their incarcerations are justified. Petitioner, Mr. Sadeep was previously released
14 on May 13, 2024, by DHS on conditional parole pursuant to INA section 236 (8 U.S.C.
15 § 1226) after a determination that he was neither a flight risk nor a danger to the
16 community. Petitioner, Mr. Chahal was previously released on December 12, 2022, by
17 DHS on conditional parole pursuant to INA section 236 (8 U.S.C. § 1226) after a
18 determination that he was neither a flight risk nor a danger to the community.

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20 2. Petitioners further submit this habeas petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 for a judicial
21 check on Respondents’ administrative decisions to detain him under 8 U.S.C.
22 § 1225(b)(2), INA § 235(b)(2), despite the authority to do so in that Petitioners are not
23 applicants for admission nor are they seeking admission. And because the government
24 purports to hold Petitioners under § 1225(b)(2), it has not provided them with an

1 individualized bond hearing to challenge their detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), INA §
2 236(a), contravening their rights under the Immigration and Nationality Act and the Fifth
3 Amendment's Due Process Clause.


4 3. Petitioners seek declaratory and injunctive relief to compel their immediate release
5 from the immigration jail where they have been held by the U.S. Department of
6 Homeland Security (DHS) since being unlawfully re-detained on December 12, 2025,
7 without first being provided a due process hearing to determine whether their
8 incarcerations are justified.

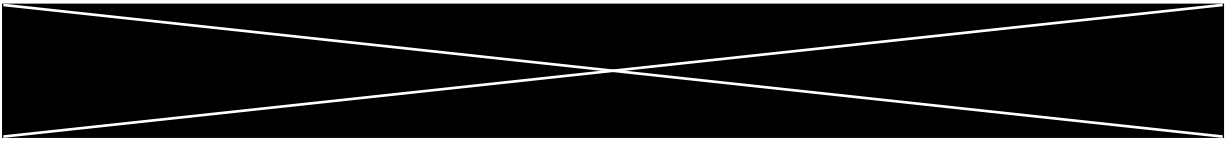
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10 4. Absent review in this Court, no other neutral adjudicator will examine Petitioners'
11 plight: Respondents will continue to detain them in violation of the law essentially
12 indefinitely. Petitioners thus urge this Court to review the lawfulness of their detention;
13 declare that their detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2) is unlawful; order either their
14 immediate release or that, at a minimum, Respondents provide them a bond hearing
15 complying with the procedural requirements in *Singh v. Holder*, 638 F.3d 1196 (9th Cir.
16 2011).

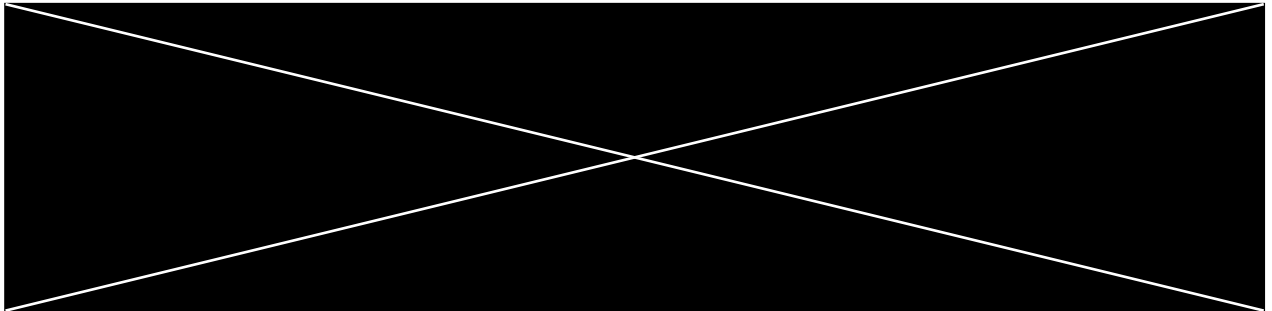
17 5. Petitioners must be released from custody unless and until DHS proves to a neutral
18 adjudicator, by clear and convincing evidence, material changed circumstances
19 (including that they are a flight risk and/or a danger to the community) that would justify
20 cancelling Petitioner, Mr. Sandeep's release from ICE custody on May 13, 2024, and
21 Petitioner, Mr. Chahal's release from ICE custody on December 12, 2022, on conditional
22 parole pursuant to INA section 236 (8 U.S.C. § 1226) after a determination that neither
23 was a flight risk nor a danger to the community.
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1 6. The Due Process clause of the Fifth Amendment, as well as statutory and
2 regulatory authorities, require the government to provide noncitizens with notice and a
3 hearing prior to re-detention. Here, Petitioners' rights were violated and continue to be
4 each day he is detained.

5 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

6 7. Petitioner, Mr. Sandeep is an Indian man born in Narwana, Haryana, India. He
7 hails from a farming family. He fled India due to being persecuted and tortured on
8 account of his political opinion. Mr. Sandeep fled India on February 16, 2024 due to
9 persecution by 

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17 9. Mr. Sandeep arrived in the United States on or about May 13, 2024, and entered
18 the United States at or near Tecate, California, without inspection and without valid entry
19 documents or a visa. Upon arrival, he walked up to border officials and informed them he
20 had a fear to return to India.


21 10. Mr. Sandeep was detained for a few hours by border patrol officials and he was
22 then released on about May 13, 2024 on conditional parole pursuant to INA section 236
23 (8 U.S.C. § 1226) after a determination that he was neither a flight risk nor a danger to
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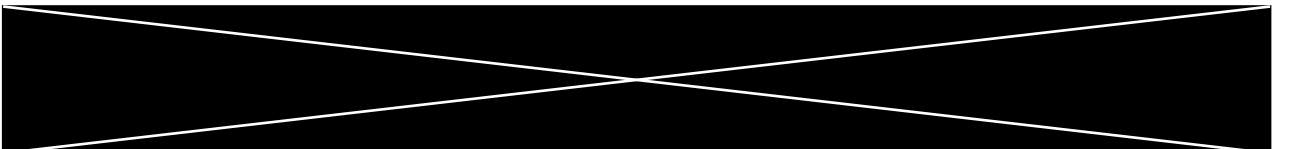
1 the community that he could not be released on his own recognizance. On the same date,
2 Mr. Sandeep was issued a Notice to Appear (NTA) ordering him to appear before the Los
3 Angeles Immigration Court.

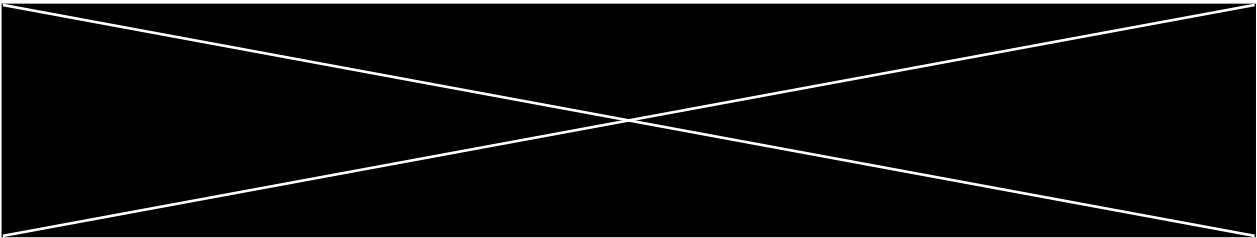
4 11. The Form I-286, Notice of Custody Determination states in pertinent part as
5 follows: “Pursuant to the authority contained in section 236 of the Immigration and
6 Nationality Act and part 236 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, I have determined
7 that, pending a final administrative determination in your case, you will be: ...
8 Released ... on your own recognizance.” (conditional parole pursuant to INA section 236
9 (8 U.S.C. § 1226)).
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11 12. The NTA issued to Mr. Sandeep stated that he is an “alien present in the United
12 States who has not been admitted or paroled” under Section 212(a)(6)(A)(i). After his
13 release, Mr. Sandeep’s removal proceedings were assigned to the Los Angeles
14 Immigration Court.

15 13. Mr. Sandeep not only complied with all conditions of his release on conditional
16 parole, but he also attended all his court hearings, timely filed his application for asylum,
17 attended his biometrics appointment, and otherwise obeyed all laws of the United States.
18 He was issued a work permit as well as a U.S. Social Security Card and a California
19 driver’s license.
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21 14. Petitioner, Mr. Chahal, is also an Indian man born Kurlan, Kamal, Haryana, India.
22 He is also seeking asylum in the US due to 

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experiences left Mr. Chahal with deep sense of fear and insecurity and which led him to flee India and seek asylum in the United States.

15. Mr. Chahal arrived in the United States on or about December 11, 2022, and entered the United States at or near Lukeville, Arizona, without inspection and without valid entry documents or a visa. Upon arrival, he walked up to border officials and informed them he had a fear to return to India.

16. Mr. Chahal was detained for a day by border patrol officials and he was then released on about December 12, 2022 on conditional parole pursuant to INA section 236 (8 U.S.C. § 1226) after a determination that he was neither a flight risk nor a danger to the community that he could not be released on his own recognizance. On the same date, Mr. Chahal was issued a Notice to Appear (NTA) ordering him to appear before the Sacramento Immigration Court.

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2 States who has not been admitted or paroled” under Section 212(a)(6)(A)(i). After his
3 release, Mr. Chahal’s removal proceedings were assigned to the Sacramento Immigration
4 Court.

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6 parole, but he also attended all his court hearings, timely filed his application for asylum,
7 attended his biometrics appointment, and otherwise obeyed all laws of the United States.
8 He was issued a work permit as well as a U.S. Social Security Card and a California
9 driver’s license.
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11 20. On December 12, 2025, Mr. Sandeep and Mr. Chahal were working together as
12 truck drivers and as part of their job, were driving across Arizona when they were
13 stopped by the Department of Homeland Security officials. The officers inquired about
14 their immigration status, and when they informed the officers that they were asylum
15 applicants and showed them their employment authorization cards and driver’s licenses,
16 the officers arrested them. Petitioners were arrested despite following all traffic and other
17 laws and despite having valid work permits and driver’s licenses.

18 21. Petitioners were re-detained by ICE officers without any notice or opportunity to
19 be heard, or any showing of any changed circumstances. They were then transferred to
20 the Eloy Detention Center where they have been held ever since.
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22 22. At the time they were re-detained, Petitioners’ immigration court proceedings were
23 pending before the Sacramento Immigration Court and they were awaiting their court
24 hearings. They had timely filed their asylum applications.

1 23. Since their releases from ICE custody on conditional pursuant to INA section 236
2 (8 U.S.C. § 1226), Petitioners have no criminal record and there have been no other
3 changed circumstances from the time that they were initially apprehended and released
4 justifying their apprehension. As stated above, Petitioners attended all their ICE check-
5 ins and court hearings.

6 24. Mr. Sandeep has lived in the United States for nearly two years, and Mr. Chahal
7 for over three years, during which they not only timely filed their asylum applications
8 and obtained their work permits, but they have also been working to support themselves
9 and their family. They have also developed community ties here in the United States,
10 have obeyed all laws of the United States and have no criminal record.

11 25. In short, nothing has changed – let alone materially changed – since they were
12 released on their own recognizance such that their current detentions are justified..
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14 CUSTODY

15 26. Petitioners are currently in Respondents' legal and physical custody. They are
16 detaining them at the at the Eloy Detention Center in Eloy, Arizona. CoreCivic, Inc., a
17 Maryland corporation, operates that facility. They are under Respondents' and their
18 agents' direct control. Prior to their arrest and re-detention Petitioners were not provided
19 with constitutionally and statutorily compliant bond hearings.
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21 JURISDICTION

22 27. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 2241; Art. I, § 9, cl. 2 of the United
23 States Constitution; and 28 U.S.C. § 1331, as Petitioner is presently in Respondents'
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1 custody under the United States' color of authority, and such custody violates the United
2 States' Constitution, laws, or treaties. Its jurisdiction is not limited by a
3 Petitioners' nationality, status as an immigrant, or any other classification.

4 *See Boumediene v. Bush*, 553 U.S. 723, 747 (2008). This Court may grant relief under
5 U.S. CONST. art. I, § 9, cl. 2; U.S. CONST. amends. V and VIII; 28 U.S.C. §§ 1361
6 (mandamus), 1651 (All Writs Act), 2241 (habeas corpus).
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8 28. Specifically, this Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 to review
9 Petitioners' re-detention without being provided an individualized bail hearing prior to
10 their re-detention and before a neutral adjudicator under § 1226(a), as well as Petitioners'
11 challenge to being subjected to mandatory detention under Section 1225(b)(2). Federal
12 district courts possess broad authority to issue writs of habeas corpus when a person is
13 held "in custody in violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States"
14 (28 U.S.C. § 2241(c)(3)), and this authority extends to immigration detention challenges
15 that survived the REAL ID Act's jurisdictional restrictions.
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17 29. Because Petitioners seek the traditional habeas remedy of release from allegedly
18 unlawful detention rather than additional administrative review of his underlying claims,
19 their petition presents precisely the type of threshold legality-of-detention question that §
20 2241 was designed to address. *See INS v. St. Cyr*, 533 U.S. 289, 301 (2001); *see also*
21 *Lopez-Marroquin v. Barr*, 955 F.3d 759, 759 (9th Cir. 2020) (citing *Singh*, 638 F.3d at
22 1211-12)). And no court has ruled on the legality of Petitioners' detention.
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1 occur in Arizona in the District of Arizona where Petitioners str currently detained, and
2 because there is no real property involved in this action.

3 **INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT**

4 34. The decision to re-arrest and re-detain Petitioners was made by the Phoenix field
5 office of ICE, and until they were unlawfully re-detained by ICE, their cases were
6 pending before the Sacramento Immigration Court. They were then transferred to Eloy
7 Detention Center in Eloy, Arizona and the venues for their proceedings have been
8 changed to the Eloy Immigration Court .

9 **EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES**

10 35. In habeas claims, exhaustion of administrative remedies is prudential, not
11 jurisdictional. *Hernandez v. Sessions*, 872 F.3d 976, 988 (9th Cir. 2017). A court may
12 waive the prudential exhaustion requirement if “administrative remedies are inadequate
13 or not efficacious, pursuit of administrative remedies would be a futile gesture,
14 irreparable injury will result, or the administrative proceedings would be void.” *Id.*
15 (*quoting Laing v. Ashcroft*, 370 F.3d 994, 1000 (9th Cir. 2004) (citation and quotation
16 marks omitted)). Petitioner asserts that exhaustion should be waived because
17 administrative remedies are (1) futile and (2) his continued detention results in irreparable
18 harm.

19 36. Pursuant to the Board’s recent precedential decisions in *Matter of Q. Li*, 29 I&N
20 Dec. 66 (BIA 2025) and *Matter of Yajure Hurtado*, 29 I&N Dec. 216 (BIA 2025), an
21 immigration judge would not take jurisdiction over any custody redetermination hearing.
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1 Per those decisions, contravening decades of law and practice by Respondents,
2 Petitioners are erroneously deemed applicants for admission ineligible for a bond hearing
3 before an immigration judge (IJ).

4 37.No statutory exhaustion requirements apply to Petitioners' claim of unlawful
5 custody in violation of his due process rights, and there are no administrative remedies
6 that he needs to exhaust. *See Am.-Arab Anti-Discrimination Comm. v. Reno*, 70 F.3d
7 1045, 1058 (9th Cir. 1995) (finding exhaustion to be a "futile exercise because the agency
8 does not have jurisdiction to review" constitutional claims); *In re Indefinite Det. Cases*,
9 82 F. Supp. 2d 1098, 1099 (C.D. Cal. 2000) (same).


11 38.Exhausting administrative remedies here is futile because Respondents contend
12 Petitioners are subject to mandatory detention. As such, no parole request to release
13 Petitioners from custody would be considered by ICE. Moreover, in contravention to the
14 INA and long-standing precedent and practice, the Board of Immigration Appeals and
15 Attorney General have deemed no noncitizen eligible for bond before an immigration
16 judge (with the exception of noncitizens who entered the U.S. on a visa). As such, any
17 attempts to exhaust administrative remedies would be entirely futile.

19 39.More importantly, every day that Petitioners remain detained causes them harm
20 that cannot be repaired. Their continued detention puts their physical and mental health at
21 greater risk, further warranting a finding of irreparable harm and the waiver of the
22 prudential exhaustion requirement. The Court must consider this in its irreparable harm
23 analysis of the effects on Petitioners as their detentions continue. *See De Paz Sales v.*
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1 *Barr*, No. 19-CV-07221-KAW, 2020 WL 353465, at *4 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 21, 2020) (noting
2 that the petitioner “continues to suffer significant psychological effects from his
3 detention, including anxiety caused by the threats of other inmates and two suicide
4 attempts,” in finding that petitioner would suffer irreparable harm warranting waiver of
5 exhaustion requirement).

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7 40. Health concerns are one factor the Court should consider in its irreparable harm
8 analysis of the effects on Petitioner as his detention continues. *See De Paz Sales v. Barr*,
9 No. 19-CV-07221-KAW, 2020 WL 353465, at *4 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 21, 2020) (noting that
10 the petitioner “continues to suffer significant psychological effects from his detention,
11 including anxiety caused by the threats of other inmates and two suicide attempts,” in
12 finding that petitioner would suffer irreparable harm warranting waiver of exhaustion
13 requirement).

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15 **PARTIES**

16 41. Petitioner SANDEEP SANDEEP is an Indian asylum seeker. He fled India due to
17 . He is presently seeking
18 asylum in the United States before the Immigration Court.

19 42. Petitioner is currently in Respondents’ legal and physical custody at the Eloy
20 Detention Center in Eloy, Arizona. CoreCivic, Inc., a Maryland corporation, operates that
21 facility.

22 43. Respondent John Cantu is the Field Office Director of ICE in Phoenix, Arizona
23 and is named in his official capacity. ICE is the component of DHS that is responsible for
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1 detaining and removing noncitizens according to immigration law and oversees custody
2 determinations. In his official capacity, he is the legal custodian of Petitioner.

3 44. Respondent Todd M. LYONS is the Acting Director of ICE and is named in his
4 official capacity. Among other things, ICE is responsible for the administration and
5 enforcement of the immigration laws, including the removal of noncitizens. In his official
6 capacity as head of ICE, he is the legal custodian of Petitioner.

7 45. Respondent Sirce OWEN is the Acting Director of EOIR and has ultimate
8 responsibility for overseeing the operation of the immigration courts and the Board of
9 Immigration Appeals, including bond hearings. Executive Office for Immigration Review
10 (EOIR) is the federal agency responsible for implementing and enforcing the INA in
11 removal proceedings, including for custody redeterminations in bond hearings. She is
12 sued in her official capacity.

13 46. Respondent Kriti NOEM is the Secretary of the DHS and is named in her official
14 capacity. DHS is the federal agency encompassing ICE, which is responsible for the
15 administration and enforcement of the INA and all other laws relating to the immigration
16 of noncitizens. In her capacity as Secretary, Respondent Noem has responsibility for the
17 administration and enforcement of the immigration and naturalization laws pursuant to
18 section 402 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, 107 Pub. L. No. 296, 116 Stat. 2135
19 (Nov. 25, 2002); *see also* 8 U.S.C. § 1103(a). Respondent Noem is the ultimate legal
20 custodian of Petitioner.

21 47. Respondent Pam BONDY is the Attorney General of the United States and the most
22 senior official in the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and is named in her official
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1 capacity. She has the authority to interpret the immigration laws and adjudicate removal
2 cases. The Attorney General delegates this responsibility to the Executive Office for
3 Immigration Review (EOIR), which administers the immigration courts and the BIA.

4 48. Respondent Fred FIGUEROA is the Warden of the Eloy Detention Center where
5 Petitioner is being held. Respondent Fred FIGUEROA oversees the day-to-day
6 operations of the Eloy Detention Center and acts at the Direction of Respondents Cantu,
7 Lyons and Noem. Respondent Christopher LaRose is a custodian of Petitioner and is
8 named in their official capacity.
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10 LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND ANALYSIS

11 **Statutory Framework Regarding Re-Detention**

12 49. The Due Process clause of the Constitution, Congress's statutes and implementing
13 regulations as well as precedential decisions narrow DHS's authority to unilaterally
14 revoke any noncitizen's immigration bond or conditional parole and re-arrest the
15 noncitizen at any time, 8 U.S.C. § 1226(b); 8 C.F.R. § 236.1(c)(9).
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17 50. ICE can release a noncitizen from custody after the noncitizen "demonstrate[s] to
18 the satisfaction of the officer that such release would not pose a danger to property or
19 persons" and that the noncitizen is "likely to appear for any future proceeding." §
20 1236.1(c)(8).3 "Release [therefore] reflects a determination by the government that the
21 noncitizen is not a danger to the community or a flight risk." *Saravia v. Sessions*, 280 F.
22 Supp. 3d 1168, 1176 (N.D. Cal. 2017), *aff'd sub nom. Saravia for A.H. v. Sessions*, 905
23 F.3d 1137 (9th Cir. 2018).
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1 51. Petitioners were released from ICE custody on conditional parole pursuant to INA
2 section 236 (8 U.S.C. § 1226) after a determination that neither was a flight risk or a
3 danger to the community.

4 52. Respondents now purport to hold Petitioners under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2) since
5 December 12, 2025, despite lacking authority to hold them under § 1225(b)(2), and
6 without giving them individualized bail hearings before a neutral adjudicator under §
7 1226(a). That violates Petitioners' rights under the INA, the APA and the Fifth
8 Amendment's Due Process Clause.
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10 53. Petitioners were arrested and are detained despite the fact that Respondents failed
11 to provide them notice and a pre-deprivation hearing before a neutral arbiter
12 demonstrating materially changed circumstances justifying their re-detention, and despite
13 the fact that they are not applicants for admission seeking admission to the United States
14 as required by Section 1225(b)(2). Instead, Petitioners have been residing in the U.S. for
15 years and as such are subject to Section 1226(a).
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17 **Materially Changed Circumstances – Right to a Hearing Prior to Re-**
18 **incarceration.**

19 54. The Board of Immigration Appeals has clearly identified limits to DHS's authority
20 to re-detain noncitizens: "where a previous bond determination has been made by an
21 immigration judge, no change should be made by [the DHS] absent a change of
22 circumstance," a position adopted by the Ninth Circuit. *Matter of Sugay*, 17 I. & N. Dec.
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1 637, 640 (BIA 1981); *see also Panosyan v. Mayorkas*, 854 F. App'x 787, 788 (9th Cir.
2 2021)(“Thus, absent changed circumstances ... ICE cannot re-detain Panosyan.”).

3 55. The government has further clarified in litigation that the showing of changed
4 circumstances applies “both where the prior bond determination was made by an
5 immigration judge *and* where the previous release decision was made by a DHS officer.”
6 *Saravia v. Barr*, 280 F. Supp. 3d at 1197 (emphasis added).
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8 56. Further, DHS has in practice limited its authority and “generally only re-arrests
9 [noncitizens] pursuant to § 1226(b) after a *material* change in circumstances,” not just
10 any changed circumstances. *Id.* (quoting Defs.’ Second Supp. Br. at 1, Dkt. No. 90)
11 (emphasis added).
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13 57. Guidance from *Matter of Sugay* and DHS practice alone—that ICE should not re-
14 arrest a noncitizen absent changed circumstances—are insufficient to protect Petitioners’
15 weighty interest in their freedom from detention. Federal district courts in California have
16 repeatedly recognized that the demands of due process and the limitations on DHS’s
17 authority to revoke a noncitizen’s bond or parole require a pre-deprivation hearing for
18 noncitizens on bond, like Petitioners, before ICE re-detains them, to comport with the
19 Due Process clause of the Constitution. *See, e.g., Meza v. Bonnar*, 2018 WL 2554572
20 (N.D. Cal. June 4, 2018); *Ortega v. Bonnar*, 415 F. Supp. 3d 963 (N.D. Cal. 2019);
21 *Vargas v. Jennings*, No. 20-CV-5785-PJH, 2020 WL 5074312, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 23,
22 2020); *Jorge M. F. v. Wilkinson*, No. 21-CV-01434-JST, 2021 WL 783561, at *2 (N.D.
23 Cal. Mar. 1, 2021)
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1 58. Just in the last few months, many federal courts have agreed that immigration re-
2 detention after being released in the community warrants a pre-deprivation hearing. *See*
3 *Sikeo v. Cantu, et al., No. CV-25-03191-PHX-SHD, 2025 WL 2937065 (D. of Ariz. Sept.*
4 *24, 2025); Diaz v. Kaiser, No. 3:25-CV-05071, 2025 WL 1676854 (N.D. Cal. June 14,*
5 *2025); Singh v. Andrews, No. 1:25-CV-00801, 2025 WL 1918679 (E.D. Cal. July 11,*
6 *2025); Pinchi v. Noem, — F. Supp. 3d —, —, No. 5:25-cv-05632-PCP, 2025 WL*
7 *2084921 (N.D. Cal. July 24, 2025); Victor Amado Rodriguez-Flores v. F. Semaia et al.,*
8 *No. CV 25-6900 JGB (JCX), 2025 WL 2684181 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 14, 2025).*

10 59. It follows that prior to re-detaining Petitioners who had previously been released
11 pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(b), DHS should have provided them with pre-detention
12 hearings and notice of such hearings at which DHS had the burden of proving that
13 Petitioners' conditional parole should be canceled.

15 60. Instead, Respondents unlawfully re-arrested Petitioners without having an
16 immigration judge or a neutral adjudicator assess whether circumstances have materially
17 changed since their release years ago on conditional parole pursuant to INA section 236
18 (8 U.S.C. § 1226) after a determination that they were neither a flight risk nor a danger to
19 the community..

20 **Petitioners' due process rights**

21 61. The government cannot deprive any person of "life, liberty, or property, without
22 due process of law[.]" U.S. Const. Amend. V. Due process extends to "all 'persons'
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1 within the United States, including [non-citizens], whether their presence here is lawful,
2 unlawful, temporary, or permanent.” *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678, 693 (2001).

3 **A. Petitioners’ Liberty Interest is protected**

4 62. “Freedom from imprisonment—from government custody, detention, or other
5 forms of physical restraint—lies at the heart of the liberty that [the Due Process] Clause
6 protects.” *Zadvydas*, 533 U.S. at 690.

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8 63. A continued liberty interest also exists where an individual was detained and is
9 subsequently released, even if conditionally released and even when an initial decision to
10 detain or release the individual is discretionary. *Morrissey v. Brewer*, 408 U.S. 471, 481-
11 82 (1972). “[S]ubject to the conditions of his parole, [a parolee] can be gainfully
12 employed and is free to be with family and friends and to form the other enduring
13 attachments of normal life.” *Id.* at 482. The parolee relies “on at least an implicit promise
14 that parole will be revoked only if he fails to live up to the parole conditions.” *Id.* The
15 Court explained that “the liberty of a parolee, although indeterminate, includes many of
16 the core values of unqualified liberty and its termination inflicts a grievous loss on the
17 parolee and often others.” *Id.* In turn, “[b]y whatever name, the liberty is valuable and
18 must be seen within the protection of the [Fifth] Amendment.” *Morrissey*, 408 U.S. at
19 482; *see also Young v. Harper*, 520 U.S. 143, 152 (1997) (holding that individuals placed
20 in a pre-parole program created to reduce prison overcrowding have a protected liberty
21 interest requiring pre-deprivation process); *Gagnon v. Scarpelli*, 411 U.S. 778, 781-82
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1 (1973) (holding that individuals released on felony probation have a protected liberty
2 interest requiring pre-deprivation process).

3 64. As the First Circuit has explained, when analyzing the issue of whether a specific
4 conditional release rises to the level of a protected liberty interest, “[c]ourts have resolved
5 the issue by comparing the specific conditional release in the case before them with the
6 liberty interest in parole as characterized by *Morrissey*.” *Gonzalez-Fuentes v. Molina*,
7 607 F.3d 864, 887 (1st Cir. 2010) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). *See*
8 *also, e.g., Hurd v. District of Columbia*, 864 F.3d 671, 683 (D.C. Cir. 2017) (“a person
9 who is in fact free of physical confinement—even if that freedom is lawfully revocable—
10 has a liberty interest that entitles him to constitutional due process before he is re-
11 incarcerated”) (citing *Young*, 520 U.S. at 152, *Gagnon*, 411 U.S. at 782, and *Morrissey*,
12 408 U.S. at 482).

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15 65. The protectable liberty interest created by conditional parole also applies to
16 immigration detention. “[T]he government’s discretion to incarcerate non-citizens is
17 always constrained by the requirements of due process.” *Hernandez v. Sessions*, 872 F.3d
18 976, 981 (9th Cir. 2017). “Just as people on preparole, parole, and probation status have a
19 liberty interest, so too does [a noncitizen released from immigration detention] have a
20 liberty interest in remaining out of custody on bond.” *Ortega v. Bonnar*, 415 F. Supp.
21 3d 963, 969 (N.D. Cal. 2019). Even where “a decision-making process involves
22 discretion does not prevent an individual from having a protectable liberty interest.” *Id.* at
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1 970 (N.D. Cal. 2019); *Romero v. Kaiser*, No. 22-cv-02508, 2022 WL 1443250, at *2
2 (N.D. Cal. May 6, 2022).

3 66. The protected liberty interest is even more substantial when balancing the
4 nonpunitive purpose of immigration detention against the “irreparable harms imposed on
5 anyone subject to immigration detention,” including “subpar medical and psychiatric care
6 in ICE detention facilities, the economic burdens imposed on detainees and their families
7 as a result of detention, and the collateral harms to children of detainees whose parents
8 are detained.” *Hernandez v. Sessions*, 872 F.3d 976, 995 (9th Cir. 2017).

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10 67. “[R]elease from ICE custody constitute[s] an ‘implied promise’ that [the
11 noncitizen’s] liberty would not be revoked unless she ‘fail[s] to live up to the conditions
12 of her release.’ The regulatory framework makes clear that those conditions [a]re that [the
13 noncitizen] remain[s] neither a danger to the community nor a flight risk. *Pinchi v. Noem*,
14 — F. Supp. 3d —, —, No. 5:25-cv-05632-PCP, 2025 WL 2084921, at *8 (N.D.
15 Cal. July 24, 2025) (citing *Morrissey*, 408 U.S. at 482).

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17 68. A noncitizen released from custody pending removal proceedings therefore has a
18 protected liberty interest in remaining out of custody. *See Diaz v. Kaiser*, No. 3:25-CV-
19 05071, 2025 WL 1676854 (N.D. Cal. June 14, 2025); *Romero v. Kaiser*, No. 22-cv-
20 02508, 2022 WL 1443250, at *2 (N.D. Cal. May 6, 2022); *see also Ramirez Clavijo v.*
21 *Kaiser*, 25-cv-06248-BLF, at 6 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 21, 2025)(gathering cases).
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1 69. Petitioners have a substantial liberty interest in not being detained. They have been
2 living in the United States for multiple years, have been working and supporting
3 themselves and have developed extensive community ties.

4 **B. Petitioners’ Liberty Interest Mandated a Hearing Before any Re-Arrest and**
5 **Revocation of Parole**

6 70. “Adequate, or due, process depends upon the nature of the interest affected. The
7 more important the interest and the greater the effect of its impairment, the greater the
8 procedural safeguards the [government] must provide to satisfy due process.” *Haygood v.*
9 *Younger*, 769 F.2d 1350, 1355-56 (9th Cir. 1985) (en banc) (citing *Morrissey*, 408 U.S. at
10 481-82). This Court must “balance [Petitioner’s] liberty interest against the
11 [government’s] interest in the efficient administration of” its immigration laws in order to
12 determine what process he is owed to ensure that ICE does not unconstitutionally deprive
13 him of his liberty. *Id.* at 1357.

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15 71. The three-factor *Mathews* test (adopted by the Court of Appeals for the Ninth
16 Circuit, see *Rodriguez Diaz v. Garland*, 53 F.4th 1189, 1206–07 (9th Cir. 2022)), helps
17 the Court assess adequate safeguards: “[F]irst, the private interest that will be affected by
18 the official action; second, the risk of an erroneous deprivation of such interest through
19 the procedures used, and the probative value, if any, of additional or substitute procedural
20 safeguards; and finally the government’s interest, including the function involved and the
21 fiscal and administrative burdens that the additional or substitute procedural requirements
22 would entail.” *Mathews v. Eldridge*, 424 U.S. 319, 335 (1976).
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1 72. The Due Process Clause typically requires a hearing of some sort before the
2 government may deprive a person of liberty. *Zinerman v. Burch*, 494 U.S. 113, 127
3 (1990) (*see also United States v. Raya-Vaca*, 771 F.3d 1195, 1204 (9th Cir. 2014) (“Due
4 process always requires, at a minimum, notice and an opportunity to respond.”). Post-
5 deprivation remedies may satisfy the requirements of due process only in a “special case”
6 where they are “the only remedies the State could be expected to provide” and where
7 “one of the variables in the *Mathews* equation—the value of post deprivation
8 safeguards—is negligible in preventing the kind of deprivation at issue” such that “the
9 State cannot be required constitutionally to do the impossible by providing post
10 deprivation process.” *Zinerman*, 494 U.S. at 985.

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12 **1. Petitioners have a substantial liberty interest in staying out of detention**

13 73. An individual's interest in not being detained is “the most elemental of liberty
14 interests[.]” *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld*, 542 U.S. 507, 529, 124 S.Ct. 2633, 159 L.Ed.2d 578
15 (2004). “Freedom from bodily restraint has always been at the core of the liberty
16 protected by the Due Process Clause.” *Foucha v. Louisiana*, 504 U.S. 71, 80 (1992). This
17 liberty interest also exists where ICE decides to unilaterally nullify its own prior parole
18 decision and take away his physical freedom, *i.e.*, his “constitutionally protected interest
19 in avoiding physical restraint.” *Singh v. Holder*, 638 F.3d 1196, 1203 (9th Cir. 2011)
20 (internal quotation omitted). Courts have routinely agreed that “a Petitioners’ interest in
21 remaining out of custody as ‘substantial.’” *Rodriguez-Flores v. Semaia*, No. 2:25-CV-
22 06900, at *5 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 14, 2025) (citing *Diaz v. Kaiser*, No. 3:25-CV-05071, 2025
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1 WL 1676854 (N.D. Cal. June 14, 2025)). The longer the individual has been released, the
2 more important his liberty interest grows. *Morrissey v. Brewer*, 408 U.S. 471, 482 (1972).

3 **2. There is a risk of erroneous deprivation that the additional procedural**
4 **safeguard of a pre-detention hearing would help protect against.**

5 74. Even if the Government believes “it has a valid reason” to re-detain noncitizens, it
6 “does not eliminate its obligation to effectuate the detention in a manner that comports
7 with due process.” *Guillermo M.R. v. Kaiser*, — F. Supp. 3d —, —, No. 25-cv-
8 05436-RFL, 2025 WL 1983677, at *7 (N.D. Cal. July 17, 2025) (finding “undeniably
9 stark” risk of erroneous deprivation where the Government contends that
10 “notwithstanding a neutral arbiter’s determination that Petitioner should be released, ICE
11 is entitled to unilaterally terminate the IJ’s order by re-detaining Petitioner without a
12 hearing for at least six months, based on ICE’s own determination in its sole discretion
13 that additional conditions of release unilaterally set by ICE had been violated”); *see also*
14 *Singh v. Andrews*, No. 1:25-CV-00801, 2025 WL 1918679 (E.D. Cal. July 11, 2025).

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16 75. Where the petitioner “has not received any bond or custody ... hearing, the risk of
17 an erroneous deprivation [of liberty] is high because neither the government nor
18 [Petitioner] has had an opportunity to determine whether there is any valid basis for her
19 detention.” *Pinchi v. Noem*, — F. Supp. 3d —, —, No. 5:25-cv-05632-PCP, 2025
20 WL 2084921, at *8 (N.D. Cal. July 24, 2025) (citation omitted). A pre-detention hearing
21 significantly decreases that risk because the government has to prove to a neutral
22 adjudicator by clear and convincing evidence that circumstances have materially changed
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1 to justify re-detention, and a hearing is likelier to produce accurate determinations
2 regarding factual disputes, such as whether a certain occurrence constitutes a “changed
3 circumstance.” *See Chalkboard, Inc. v. Brandt*, 902 F.2d 1375, 1381 (9th Cir.1989)
4 (when “delicate judgments depending on credibility of witnesses and assessment of
5 conditions not subject to measurement” are at issue, the “risk of error is considerable
6 when just determinations are made after hearing only one side”).

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8 76. Further, the risk of an erroneous deprivation of liberty under *Mathews* can be
9 decreased where a neutral decisionmaker, rather than ICE alone, makes custody
10 determinations. *Diouf v. Napolitano* (“*Diouf II*”), 634 F.3d 1081, 1091-92 (9th Cir.
11 2011); *see also Castro-Cortez v. INS*, 239 F.3d 1037, 1049 (9th Cir. 2001), *abrogated on*
12 *other grounds by Fernandez-Vargas v. Gonzales*, 548 U.S. 30 (2006) (“A neutral judge
13 is one of the most basic due process protections.”)

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15 77. Any argument that noncitizens can request a custody determination hearing once
16 re-detained goes against the due process safeguards envisioned in the Constitution,
17 because such hearing happens after the fact and cannot prevent an erroneous deprivation
18 of liberty. *Domingo v. Kaiser*, No. 25-cv-05893 (RFL), 2025 WL 1940179, at *3 (N.D.
19 Cal. July 14, 2025) (“Even if Petitioner-Plaintiff received a prompt post-detention bond
20 hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) and was released at that point, he will have already
21 suffered the harm that is the subject of his motion: that is, his potentially erroneous
22 detention.”). Further, custody determination hearings are routinely conducted in
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1 immigration court and this is not a “special case” that warrants post-deprivation remedies
2 because other remedies are impractical the way it was in *Zinerman*.

3 78. Consequently ICE was required to provide Petitioners with notice and a hearing
4 prior to any re-incarceration and revocation of his conditional parole. See *Morrissey*, 408
5 U.S. at 481-82; *Haygood*, 769 F.2d at 1355-56; *Jones*, 393 F.3d at 932; *Zinerman*, 494
6 U.S. at 985; see also *Youngberg v. Romeo*, 457 U.S. 307, 321-24 (1982); *Lynch v. Baxley*,
7 744 F.2d 1452 (11th Cir. 1984) (holding that individuals awaiting involuntary civil
8 commitment proceedings may not constitutionally be held in jail pending the
9 determination as to whether they can ultimately be recommitted). Under *Mathews*, “the
10 balance weighs heavily in favor of [Petitioner’s] liberty” and required a pre-deprivation
11 hearing before a neutral adjudicator, which ICE failed to provide.
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13 79. Further, immigration detention is civil (as opposed to criminal), and its primary
14 purpose is to ensure a noncitizen’s appearance during removal proceedings and protect
15 against danger to the community; it cannot be punitive. *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678,
16 690, 697 (2001). Due process thus also requires consideration of alternatives to detention
17 at any custody redetermination hearing that may occur, and where alternatives to
18 detention that could mitigate risk of flight exist, detention is not warranted. See *Bell v.*
19 *Wolfish*, 441 U.S. 520, 538 (1979).
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22 **3. The government’s interest in detaining Petitioner is minimal, and in fact the**
23 **procedural requirements of a hearing would promote judicial and**
24 **administrative efficiency given the government’s limited resources**

1 80. The efficient allocation of the government’s limited fiscal resources further
2 supports holding a hearing prior to re-detaining noncitizens. The “fiscal and
3 administrative burdens” as a result of the due process safeguard are nonexistent. *See*
4 *Mathews v. Eldridge*, 424 U.S. 319, 334-35 (1976). Indeed, the Ninth Circuit has long
5 recognized that “[t]he costs to the public of immigration detention are ‘staggering,’”
6 *Hernandez v. Sessions*, 872 F.3d 976, 996 (9th Cir. 2017); *Diaz*, 2025 WL 1676854, at
7 *3. In 2017 – with inflation numbers are likely higher today– immigration detention cost
8 “\$158 each day per detainee, amounting to a total daily cost of \$6.5 million.” *Hernandez*,
9 872 F.3d at 996. On the other hand, “[i]n immigration court, custody hearings are routine
10 and impose a minimal cost.” *Pinchi v. Noem*, — F. Supp. 3d —, —, No. 5:25-cv-
11 05632-PCP, 2025 WL 2084921, at *10 (N.D. Cal. July 24, 2025) (citing *Singh v.*
12 *Andrews*, No. 1:25-CV-00801, 2025 WL 1918679, at *8 (E.D. Cal. July 11, 2025)). The
13 cost of re-detaining an immigrant who was previously released “pending any bond
14 hearing would significantly exceed the cost of providing [the immigrant] with a pre-
15 detention hearing.” *Pinchi*, 2025 WL 2084921, at *10.

18 81. ICE’s new policy to make a minimum number of arrests each day under the new
19 administration¹ does not constitute a material change in circumstances and cannot stand
20 to replace regulations enacted by Congress that allow the release of noncitizens in the
21 first place. It is “arbitrary, capricious [and] an abuse of discretion” “in excess of statutory
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24 ¹ See “Trump officials issue quotas to ICE officers to ramp up arrests,” *Washington Post* (December 12, 2025),
available at: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2025/01/26/ice-arrests-raids-trump-quota/>.

1 jurisdiction, authority, or limitations, or short of statutory right.” 5 U.S.C. § 706(2)(A)-
2 (C). Even if the government “ultimately demonstrates to a neutral decisionmaker by clear
3 and convincing evidence that her detention is necessary to prevent danger to the
4 community or flight,” then the only potential injury the government faces is a short delay
5 in detaining” Petitioners. *Pinchi*, 2025 WL 2084921, at *12. “Faced with ... a conflict
6 between minimally costly procedures and preventable human suffering, [the Court has]
7 little difficulty concluding that the balance of hardships tips decidedly in plaintiff[’s]
8 favor.” (internal citations omitted). *Id.*

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10 82. Consequently the government’s interest in keeping Petitioners in detention without
11 a due process hearing is outweighed by Petitioners’ significant private interest in their
12 liberty. The scale tips sharply in favor of releasing Petitioners from custody unless and
13 until the government demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that they are a flight
14 risk or danger to the community. It becomes abundantly clear that the *Mathews* test
15 favors Petitioners when the Court considers that the process Petitioners sees—release
16 from custody pending notice and a hearing regarding whether his conditional parole
17 should be revoked and, if so, whether a new bond amount should be set—is a standard
18 course of action for the government. In the alternative, providing Petitioners with a
19 hearing before this Court (or a neutral decisionmaker) to determine whether there is clear
20 and convincing evidence that Petitioners are a flight risk or danger to the community
21 would impose only a *de minimis* burden on the government, because the government
22 routinely provides this sort of hearing to detained individuals like Petitioners.
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1 **Statutory Framework Regarding Detention – Section 1225 and Section 1226**

2 83. The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) prescribes three basic forms of
3 detention for noncitizens in removal proceedings.

4 84. First, 8 U.S.C. § 1226 authorizes the detention of noncitizens in standard non-
5 expedited removal proceedings before an immigration judge (IJ). See 8 U.S.C. § 1229a.
6 Individuals in § 1226(a) detention are entitled to a bond hearing at the outset of their
7 detention, see 8 C.F.R. §§ 1003.19(a), 1236.1(d), while noncitizens who have been
8 arrested, charged with, or convicted of certain crimes are subject to mandatory detention,
9 see 8 U.S.C. § 1226(c).
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11 85. Second, the INA provides for mandatory detention of noncitizens subject to
12 expedited removal under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(1) and for other recent arrivals seeking
13 admission referred to under § 1225(b)(2).
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15 86. Last, the Act also provides for detention of noncitizens who have been previously
16 ordered removed, including individuals in withholding-only proceedings, see 8 U.S.C.
17 § 1231(a)–(b).

18 87. This case concerns the detention provisions at §§ 1226(a) and 1225(b)(2).

19 88. The detention provisions at § 1226(a) and § 1225(b)(2) were enacted as part of the
20 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) of 1996, Pub. L.
21 No. 104–208, Div. C, §§ 302–03, 110 Stat. 3009–546, 3009–582 to 3009–583, 3009–
22 585. Section 1226(a) was most recently amended earlier this year by the Laken Riley Act,
23 Pub. L. No. 119-1, 139 Stat. 3 (2025).
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1 89. Following enactment of the IIRIRA, EOIR drafted new regulations explaining that,
2 in general, people who entered the country without inspection were not considered
3 detained under § 1225 and that they were instead detained under § 1226(a). See
4 Inspection and Expedited Removal of Aliens; Detention and Removal of Aliens; Conduct
5 of Removal Proceedings; Asylum Procedures, 62 Fed. Reg. 10312, 10323 (Mar. 6, 1997).
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7 90. Thus, in the decades that followed, most people who entered without inspection—
8 unless they were subject to some other detention authority—received bond hearings. That
9 practice was consistent with many more decades of prior practice, in which noncitizens
10 who were not deemed “arriving” were entitled to a custody hearing before an IJ or other
11 hearing officer. See 8 U.S.C. § 1252(a) (1994); see also H.R. Rep. No. 104-469, pt. 1, at
12 229 (1996) (noting that § 1226(a) simply “restates” the detention authority previously
13 found at § 1252(a)).
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15 91. On May 15, 2025, the Board issued *Matter of Q Li*, 29 I&N Dec. 66 (BIA 2025)
16 stating that an applicant for admission who is arrested and detained without a warrant
17 while arriving in the United States, whether or not at a port of entry, and subsequently
18 placed in removal proceedings is detained under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b), and is ineligible for
19 any subsequent release on bond under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).
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21 92. On September 5, 2025, the Board of Immigration Appeals issued a precedent
22 decision in *Matter of YAJURE HURTADO*, 29 I&N Dec. 216 (BIA 2025), finding that
23 noncitizens who entered the United States without inspection were ineligible for bond
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1 redetermination hearings because they were seeking admission, and fell within 8 U.S.C. §
2 1225(b)(2)(A).

3 93. This legal theory espoused by the BIA's decisions in *Matter of Q Li* and *Matter of*
4 *Yajure Hurtado* that noncitizens who entered the United States without admission or
5 parole are ineligible for bond hearings has been universally rejected by the district courts.
6 *Rodriguez v. Bostock*, No. 3:25-CV-05240-TMC, 2025 WL 2782499, at *9 (W.D. Wash.
7 Sept. 30, 2025); *Mosqueda v. Noem*, No. 5:25-CV-02304 CAS (BFM), 2025 WL
8 2591530, at *3 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 8, 2025); *Guzman v. Andrews*, No. 1:25-CV-01015-KES-
9 SKO (HC), 2025 WL 2617256, at *9 (E.D. Cal. Sept. 9, 2025); *Vasquez Garcia v. Noem*,
10 3:25-cv-02180-DMS-MMP (SD. Cal. Sept. 3, 2025); *Benitez v. Noem*, No. 5:25-cv-
11 02190-RGK-AS) C.D. Cal. Aug. 26, 2025); *Arrazola Gonzalez v. Noem*, 5:25-cv-01789-
12 ODW-DFM (C.D. Cal. Aug. 15, 2025); *Maldonado Bautista v. Santacruz*, 5:25-cv-
13 01873-SSS-BFM (C.D. Cal. July 28, 2025); *Carmona-Lorenzo v. Trump*, No.
14 4:25CV3172, 2025 WL 2531521, at *2 (D. Neb. Sept. 3, 2025); *Perez v. Berg*, No.
15 8:25CV494, 2025 WL 2531566, at *2 (D. Neb. Sept. 3, 2025); *Lopez-Campos v.*
16 *Raycraft*, No. 2:25-CV-12486, 2025 WL 2496379, at *8 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 29, 2025);
17 *Jose J.O.E. v. Bondi*, No. 25-CV-3051 (ECT/DJF), 2025 WL 2466670, at *6 (D. Minn.
18 Aug. 27, 2025); *Kostak v. Trump*, No. CV 3:25-1093, 2025 WL 2472136, at *3 (W.D.
19 La. Aug. 27, 2025) *Rodriguez v. Bostock*, 2025 WL 1193850 (W.D. Wa. Apr. 24, 2025).

20 94. The Board's interpretation defies the INA. The plain text of the statutory
21 provisions demonstrates that § 1226(a), not § 1225(b), applies to people like Petitioners.
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1 95. Section 1226(a) applies by default to all persons “pending a decision on whether
2 the [noncitizen] is to be removed from the United States.” These removal hearings are
3 held under § 1229a, which “decid[e] the inadmissibility or deportability of a[]
4 [noncitizen].”

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6 96. The text of § 1226 also explicitly applies to people charged as being inadmissible,
7 including those who entered without inspection. See 8 U.S.C. § 1226(c)(1)(E).
8 Subparagraph (E)’s reference to such people makes clear that, by default, such people are
9 afforded a bond hearing under subsection (a). Section 1226 therefore leaves no doubt that
10 it applies to people who face charges of being inadmissible to the United States,
11 including those who are present without admission or parole.

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13 97. By contrast, § 1225(b) applies to people arriving at U.S. ports of entry or who
14 recently entered the United States. The statute’s entire framework is premised on
15 inspections at the border of people who are “seeking admission” to the United States. 8
16 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A).

17 98. In *Torres v. Barr*, 976 F.3d 918, 926 (9th Cir. 2020), the en banc Court held that
18 “the phrase ‘at the time of application for admission’... refers to the particular point in
19 time when a noncitizen submits an application to physically enter into the United States.”
20 976 F.3d at 924. The Ninth Circuit held that “inadmissibility must be measured at the
21 point in time that an immigrant actually submits an application for entry into the United
22 States.” *Torres v. Barr*, 976 F.3d at 923. Under section 212(a)(7), a noncitizen only
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1 makes an application for admission when they seek permission to physically enter the
2 United States. *Id.* at 924.

3 99. In short, *Torres* clarified there is a temporal limitation to a classification of
4 applicant for admission. See *United States v. Gambino-Ruiz*, 91 F.4th 981, 989 (9th Cir.
5 2024) (stating that “*Torres* merely rejected the view that an alien remains in a perpetual
6 state of applying for admission”).
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8 100. Accordingly, the mandatory detention provision of § 1225(b)(2) does not
9 apply to people like Petitioners who are alleged to have entered the United States without
10 admission or parole.

11 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

12 **Due Process**

13 **U.S. Const. amend. V**

14 101. Petitioners incorporate by reference the allegations of fact set forth in the
15 preceding paragraphs.

16 102. The Supreme Court has long recognized that the Fifth and Fourteenth
17 Amendments refer to all “persons,” not just “citizens.” Aliens, even inadmissible or
18 removable aliens, must be afforded due process protection. See *Yick Wo v. Hopkins*, 118
19 U.S. 356, 369 (1886) (“The Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution is not confined to
20 the protection of citizens.”). As stated by the Court, the provisions of the Fourteenth
21 Amendment “are universal in their application, to all persons within the territorial
22 jurisdiction, without regard to any differences of race, of color, or of nationality” *Id.*
23 (emphasis added).
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1 103. The Supreme Court has held that “even one whose presence in this country
2 is unlawful, involuntary, or transitory is entitled to that constitutional protection [of the
3 Due Process Clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments]” *Mathews v. Diaz.*, 426
4 U.S. 67, 75 n.7 (1976); see also *Plyler v. Doe*, 457 U.S. 202, 210 (1982) (“Whatever his
5 status under the immigration laws, an alien is surely a ‘person’ in any ordinary sense of
6 that term.”); *Wong Wing v. United States*, 163 U.S. 228, 238 (1896) (“Persons within the
7 territory of the United States... even aliens... [may not]... be deprived of life, liberty or
8 property without due process of law.”).

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10 104. Petitioners’ continued detention without any bond hearing violates their right
11 to due process under the Fifth Amendment.

12 105. The Government may not deprive a person of life, liberty, or property
13 without due process of law. U.S. Const. amend. V. “Freedom from imprisonment— from
14 government custody, detention, or other forms of physical restraint—lies at the heart of
15 the liberty that the Clause protects.” *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678, 690 (2001).

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17 106. Petitioners have a vested liberty interest in their conditional release. Due
18 Process does not permit the government to strip them of that liberty without a hearing
19 before this Court. *See Morrissey v. Brewer*, 408 U.S. 471, 487-88 (1972).

20 107. Petitioners’ re-arrest without a hearing violated the Constitution both
21 substantively, because Respondents have no valid interest in detaining them since
22 circumstances have not changed, and procedurally, because they were not provided with
23 a pre-detention hearing.
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