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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

YEFERSON GONZALEZ CONTRERAS

*Petitioner,*

v.

**Samuel L. OLSON**, Field Office Director of Enforcement and Removal Operations, St. Paul Field Office, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; **Kristi NOEM**, in her official capacity as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; **Todd LYONS**, in his official capacity as acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; **Pam Bondi**, in her official capacity as Attorney General of the United States; **Joel BROTT**, Sherburne County Jail Sheriff.

*Respondents.*

Case No. 0:25-cv-4814

**PETITION FOR WRIT OF  
HABEAS CORPUS**

**INTRODUCTION**

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2 1. Petitioner Yeferson Gonzalez Contreras (“Mr. Gonzalez Contreras” or  
3 “Petitioner”), is a citizen of Venezuela who fled the country after suffering  
4 persecution at the hands of the dictatorial Maduro government. He presented  
5 himself for inspection at the United States border on or about October 26, 2024.  
6 After inspection, he was paroled into the United States. After being paroled, Mr.  
7 Gonzalez Contreras resided peacefully in the country, filing an application for  
8 asylum, committing no crimes, and awaiting his hearing and an opportunity to have  
9 his asylum claim heard. On September 9, 2025, he attended his scheduled Master  
10 Calendar Hearing (“MCH”) before an Immigration Judge (“IJ”).  
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12 2. On that day, the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) moved to dismiss Mr.  
13 Gonzalez Contreras’s removal proceedings before the Executive Office for  
14 Immigration Review (“EOIR”), and the IJ granted that motion over Mr. Gonzalez  
15 Contreras’s objection. As Mr. Gonzalez Contreras was leaving the courtroom, he  
16 was detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”). He remains  
17 detained to this day.

18 3. Mr. Gonzalez Contreras sought bond but the IJ denied jurisdiction based on October  
19 21, 2025. The Immigration Judge relied on *Matter of Yajure Hurtado*, 29 I&N Dec.  
20 216 (BIA 2025). Mr. Gonzalez Contreras previously had a petition for a writ of  
21 habeas corpus before this court. *See Gonzalez Contreras v. Olson*, 0:25-cv-04325-  
22 MJD-LIB (D. Minn). The parties agreed that Mr. Gonzalez Contreras was detained  
23 subject to 8 U.S.C. 1226(a) rather than under 8 U.S.C. 1225. The Court granted a  
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1 temporary restraining order in part and denied it in part on November 21, 2025.  
2 Following a bond hearing ordered by the Court, the Immigration Court found that it  
3 lacked jurisdiction and concluded that 8 C.F.R. § 1003.19(h)(2)(i)(B) was a “a  
4 separate and distinct category of bond ineligibility” than detailed under 8 U.S.C. §  
5 1225. IJ Brian Sardelli found that if the “Minnesota Federal District Court, Board  
6 of Immigration Appeals, or other higher Court find that this Court does have  
7 jurisdiction, absent new evidence, the Court would likely grant the request for bond”  
8 in the amount of \$5000.

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10 4. While meeting and conferring about a court-mandated joint status update, the parties  
11 agreed that the previous petition for a writ of habeas corpus would be dismissed  
12 without prejudice and that Petitioner would be able to refile his habeas petition.

13 5. Mr. Gonzalez Contreras’s detention is unlawful under the Immigration and  
14 Nationality Act (“INA”) and under the United States Constitution.

15 **PARTIES**

16 6. Mr. Gonzalez Contreras is a citizen of Venezuela who was paroled into the United  
17 States on October 26, 2024. He subsequently attended his immigration MCH on  
18 September 9, 2025, where the IJ dismissed his case and he was detained by ICE.

19 Mr. Gonzalez Contreras remains in ICE custody to this date.

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21 7. Respondent Samuel Olson is the Director of the MSP Field Office of ICE’s  
22 Enforcement and Removal Operations division. As such, Samuel Olson is  
23 Petitioner’s immediate custodian and is responsible for Petitioner’s detention and  
24 removal. He is named in his official capacity.

1 8. Respondent Kristi Noem is the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.  
2 She is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the INA, and oversees  
3 ICE, which is responsible for Petitioner's detention. Ms. Noem has ultimate  
4 custodial authority over Petitioner and is sued in her official capacity.

5 9. Respondent Pam Bondi is the Attorney General of the United States and the senior  
6 official of the U.S. Department of Justice. She has the authority  
7 to adjudicate removal cases and to oversee EOIR, which administers the  
8 immigration courts and the Board of Immigration Appeals  
9 (BIA). Ms. Bondi has ultimate custodial authority over Petitioner and is sued in her  
10 official capacity.  
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12 10. Respondent Joel Brott is the Sheriff of Sherburne County, where Petitioner is  
13 detained. Sherburne County Jail is operated by the sheriff's department of  
14 Sherburne County. He has immediate physical custody of Petitioner. He is sued in  
15 his official capacity.

### 16 **JURISDICTION**

17 11. Petitioner is in the physical custody of Respondents. Petitioner is detained at the  
18 Sherburne County Jail in Elk River, Minnesota.

19 12. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 2241(c)(1), (3) (writ of habeas  
20 corpus), 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question), and Article I, section 9, clause 2 of the  
21 United States Constitution (the Suspension Clause).

22 13. This Court may grant relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, the Declaratory Judgment  
23 Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2201 et seq., and the All-Writs Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1651.  
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**VENUE**

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2 14. Pursuant to *Braden v. 30th Judicial Circuit Court of Kentucky*, 410 U.S. 484, 493-  
3 500 (1973), venue lies in the United States District Court for the District of  
4 Minnesota, the judicial district in which Petitioner currently is detained.

5 15. Venue is also properly in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(e) because  
6 Respondents are employees, officers, and agencies of the United States, and because  
7 a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in the  
8 District of Minnesota.

**FACTS**

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11 16. Mr. Gonzalez Contreras fled persecution in his home country of Venezuela, where  
12 he opposed the governing Maduro regime. En route to the United States, he traveled  
13 through Mexico, and to enter the United States he had scheduled an appointment  
14 with CBP through the CBP One app. He presented himself for inspection to border  
15 enforcement officers on the day of his scheduled appointment on or about October  
16 26, 2024. After inspection by officers, he was paroled into the United States and  
17 issued a Form I-862 Notice to Appear (“NTA”) charging him as removable pursuant  
18 to INA § 212(a)(7)(A)(i)(I) as an arriving alien not in possession of a valid  
19 unexpired immigrant visa, reentry permit, border crossing card, or other valid  
20 document. That NTA provided a hearing date before EOIR on September 9, 2025.

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22 17. After being paroled into the United States, Mr. Gonzalez Contreras resided  
23 peacefully in the country, committing no crimes and awaiting his hearing and an  
24 opportunity to have his asylum claim heard. On or about April 9, 2025, Mr.

1 Gonzalez Contreras timely filed a Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for  
2 Withholding of Removal, with EOIR.

3 18. He then attended his MCH before IJ Ivany, as scheduled, on September 9, 2025.

4 There, Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) moved to  
5 dismiss Mr. Gonzalez Contreras’s removal proceedings before EOIR. Mr. Gonzalez  
6 Contreras objected, asking the IJ and DHS to allow him an opportunity to present  
7 his claim for asylum. The IJ granted DHS’s motion over Mr. Gonzalez Contreras’s  
8 objection and dismissed his case. This effectively terminated Mr. Gonzalez  
9 Contreras’s pending asylum application without having an opportunity to present it.

10 As Mr. Gonzalez Contreras left the courtroom, he was detained by ICE.

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12 19. After being detained, DHS did not set a bond. Mr. Gonzalez Contreras timely filed  
13 an appeal of the IJ decision dismissing his matter, filing a Form E-26, Notice of  
14 Appeal from a Decision of an Immigration Judge on October 1, 2025, seeking the  
15 opportunity to present his asylum claim. Around that same time, Mr. Gonzalez  
16 Contreras also requested a credible fear interview,<sup>1</sup> again seeking an opportunity to  
17 present his asylum claim. On October 2, 2025, Immigration and Customs  
18 Enforcement officers (“ICE”) informed Counsel that because Mr. Gonzalez  
19 Contreras had appealed the dismissal of his case, the United States Citizenship and  
20 Immigration Services (“USCIS”) would not hear his credible fear request until the  
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23 <sup>1</sup> Because the request for a credible fear interview was made by Mr. Gonzalez Contreras  
24 while he was in custody, Counsel is not clear on the precise date that the credible fear  
request was made.

1 appeal is concluded before the BIA. The Department of Homeland Security has  
2 motioned the BIA to remand Mr. Gonzalez Contreras' case to immigration court so  
3 that DHS can withdraw its motion to dismiss. The case remains pending before the  
4 BIA despite Petitioner's request that the BIA expedite adjudication of DHS's  
5 motion.

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7 **LAW**

8 **DUE PROCESS CLAUSE**

9 20. No person shall be "deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of  
10 law[.]" U.S. Const. amend. V. The Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment is  
11 the foundational pillar protecting individuals from unlawful government restraint  
12 and provides Mr. Gonzalez Contreras with important protections regarding his  
13 detention. As the Supreme Court has explained, "[f]reedom from imprisonment -  
14 from government custody, detention, or other forms of physical restraint - lies at the  
15 heart of the liberty" that the Due Process Clause protects. *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533  
16 U.S. 678,690 (2001).

17 21. "It is well established that the Fifth Amendment entitles [noncitizens] to due process  
18 of law in deportation proceedings." *Demore v. Kim*, 538 U.S. 510, 523 (2003)  
19 (quoting *Reno v. Flores*, 507 U.S. 292, 306 (1993)).

20 22. Due Process requires that there be "adequate procedural protections" to ensure that  
21 the government's asserted justification for a noncitizen's physical confinement  
22 "outweighs the 'individual's constitutionally protected interest in avoiding physical  
23 restraint.'" *Id.* at 690 (quoting *Kansas v. Hendricks*, 521 U.S. 346, 356 (1997)). In  
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1 the immigration context, the Supreme Court only recognizes two purposes for civil  
2 detention: preventing flight and mitigating the risks of danger to the community.  
3 *Zadvydas*, 533 U.S. at 690; *Demore*, 538 U.S. at 528. A noncitizen may only be  
4 detained based on these two justifications if they are otherwise statutorily eligible  
5 for bond. *Zadvydas*, 533 U.S. at 690.

6 23. In defense of the right to liberty, due process requires "adequate procedural  
7 protections" that ensure the government's asserted justification for confinement  
8 "outweighs the individual's constitutionally protected interest in avoiding physical  
9 restraint." *Zadvydas*, 533 U.S. at 690 (internal quotation marks omitted).

10 24. To that end, habeas corpus is "perhaps the most important writ known  
11 to [ ] constitutional law . . . affording as it does a swift and imperative remedy in all  
12 cases of illegal restraint or confinement." *Fay v. Noia*, 372 U.S. 391, 400 (1963)  
13 (emphasis added). "The application for the writ usurps the attention and displaces  
14 the calendar of the judge or justice who entertains it and receives prompt action from  
15 him within the four corners of the application." *Yong v. I.N.S.*, 208 F.3d 1116, 1120  
16 (9th Cir. 2000) (citation omitted).

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18 **REQUIREMENTS OF 28 U.S.C. § 2243**

19 25. The Court must grant the petition for writ of habeas corpus or order Respondents to  
20 show cause "forthwith," unless the petitioner is not entitled to relief. 28 U.S.C. §  
21 2243. If an order to show cause is issued, the Respondents must file a return "within  
22 three days unless for good cause additional time, not exceeding twenty days, is  
23 allowed." *Id.* Pursuant to this Court's order from December 29, 2025, the  
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1 Respondents shall have twenty-one days to respond to an order to show cause, and  
2 Petitioner will have seven days to file a reply.

3 26. “To determine whether injunctive relief is proper, a district court considers four  
4 factors: (1) the movant's likelihood of success on the merits, (2) the threat of  
5 irreparable harm to the movant, (3) the balance between the harm to the movant and  
6 the injury that granting an injunction will inflict on other parties to the litigation,  
7 and (4) the public interest. *Maldonado v. Olson*, No. 25-CV-3142 (SRN/SGE), 2025  
8 WL 2374411, at 8 (D. Minn. Aug. 15, 2025); *see also Winter v. Nat. Res. Def.*  
9 *Council, Inc.*, 555 U.S. 7, 20 (2008).

#### 11 DETENTION

12 27. The INA prescribes three basic forms of detention for noncitizens in removal  
13 proceedings.

14 28. First, 8 U.S.C. § 1226 authorizes the detention of noncitizens already in the United  
15 States and in standard removal proceedings before an IJ. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1229a.  
16 Individuals in § 1226(a) detention are entitled to a bond hearing at the outset of their  
17 detention, *see* 8 C.F.R. §§ 1003.19(a), 1236.1(d), while noncitizens who have been  
18 arrested, charged with, or convicted of certain crimes are subject to mandatory  
19 detention. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1226(c).

20 29. Second, the INA provides for mandatory detention of noncitizens subject to  
21 expedited removal under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(1) and for other noncitizens who are  
22 “applicants for admission” as referred to under § 1225(b)(2). The phrase “applicant  
23 for admission” in turn “refers to a person attempting or intending to gain lawful  
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1 entry into the United States.” *Eliseo A.A. v. Olson*, No. CV 25-3381 (JWB/DJF),  
2 2025 WL 2886729, at 3 (D. Minn. Oct. 8, 2025) (citing *Francisco T. v. Bondi*, Civ.  
3 No. 25-3219, Doc. No. 20 at 12–13 (D. Minn. Sept. 5, 2025); see also *Lopez-*  
4 *Campos v. Raycraft*, Civ. No. 2:25-CV-12486, 2025 WL 2496379, at 7 (E.D. Mich.  
5 Aug. 29, 2025)). Expedited removal in turn applies to noncitizens who arrive in,  
6 attempt to enter, or have entered the United States without being admitted or paroled  
7 following inspection at a port of entry, and who have not been present in the United  
8 States for a continuous period of two years. 8 C.F.R. § 235.3(b)(ii). If an applicant  
9 for admission is determined to be inadmissible, the immigration officer “shall order  
10 the alien removed from the United States without further hearing or review unless  
11 the alien indicates . . . an intention to apply for asylum.” 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(1)(A)(i).

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13 30. Last, the INA also provides for detention of noncitizens who have been ordered  
14 removed, including individuals in withholding-only proceedings. See 8 U.S.C. §  
15 1231(a)–(b).

16 31. A non-citizen is vested with the rights granted by Congress when DHS decides to  
17 place the non-citizen in § 240 removal proceedings instead of expedited removal.  
18 *Mata Velasquez v. Kurzdorfer*, No. 25-CV-493-LJV, 2025 WL 1953796, at 9  
19 (W.D.N.Y. July 16, 2025); see also *Petitioner, v. David Rivas, et al., Respondents.*,  
20 No. CV-25-02943-PHX-GMS, 2025 WL 2899092 (D. Ariz. Oct. 10, 2025). A non-  
21 citizen has a vested reliance interest when they pursue an application for asylum  
22 after being “invited” into the country through the grant of parole. *Petitioner, v.*  
23 *David Rivas, et al., Respondents.*, No. CV-25-02943-PHX-GMS, 2025 WL  
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1 2899092 (D. Ariz. Oct. 10, 2025); *see also Mata Velasquez v. Kurzdorfer*, No. 25-  
2 CV-493-LJV, 2025 WL 1953796, at \*16 (W.D.N.Y. July 16, 2025) (distinguishing  
3 from *Thuraissigiam* and *Mezei*).

4 32. Where a non-citizen is granted parole through an individualized determination, they  
5 have a right to an individualized determination as to the revocation or cancellation  
6 of that parole. *Mata Velasquez v. Kurzdorfer*, No. 25-CV-493-LJV, 2025 WL  
7 1953796, at 11 (W.D.N.Y. July 16, 2025). Detention is unlawful if it followed the  
8 unlawful termination of parole. *Y-Z-L-H v. Bostock*, No. 3:25-CV-965-SI, 2025 WL  
9 1898025, at 11 (D. Or. July 9, 2025). Termination of parole for an asylum seeker is  
10 unlawful by virtue of being arbitrary and capricious where parole was granted to  
11 enable the pursuit of asylum and there is no formal determination that that  
12 “humanitarian” purpose has been satisfied or exhausted. *Y-Z-L-H v. Bostock*, No.  
13 3:25-CV-965-SI, 2025 WL 1898025, at 12–13 (D. Or. July 9, 2025).

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

15 34. The detention provisions at § 1226(a) and § 1225(b)(2) were enacted as part of the  
16 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) of 1996,  
17 Pub. L. No. 104--208, Div. C, §§ 302–03, 110 Stat. 3009-546, 3009–582 to 3009–  
18 583, 3009–585. Section 1226(a) was most recently amended earlier this year by the  
19 Laken Riley Act, Pub. L. No.119-1, 139 Stat. 3 (2025).

20 35. Following the enactment of the IIRIRA, EOIR drafted new regulations explaining  
21 that, in general, people who entered the country without inspection were not  
22 considered detained under § 1225 and that they were instead detained under §  
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1 1226(a). *See* Inspection and Expedited Removal of Aliens; Detention and Removal  
2 of Aliens; Conduct of Removal Proceedings; Asylum Procedures, 62 Fed. Reg.  
3 10312, 10323 (Mar. 6, 1997).

4 36. Thus, in the decades that followed, most people who entered without inspection and  
5 were placed in standard removal proceedings received bond hearings, unless their  
6 criminal history rendered them ineligible. That practice was consistent with many  
7 more decades of prior practice, in which noncitizens who were not deemed  
8 “arriving” were entitled to a custody hearing before an IJ or other hearing officer.  
9 *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1252(a) (1994); *see also* H.R. Rep. No. 104-469, pt. 1, at 229 (1996)  
10 (noting that § 1226(a) simply “restates” the detention authority previously found at  
11 § 1252(a)).  
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13 37. Section 1226(a) applies by default to all persons “pending a decision on whether the  
14 [noncitizen] is to be removed from the United States.” These removal hearings are  
15 held under § 1229a, to “decid[e] the inadmissibility or deportability of a[]  
16 [noncitizen].”

17 38. The text of § 1226 also explicitly applies to people charged as being inadmissible,  
18 including those who entered without inspection. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1226(c)(1)(E).  
19 Subparagraph (E)’s reference to such people makes clear that, by default, such  
20 people are afforded a bond hearing under subsection (a). As the *Rodriguez Vazquez*  
21 court explained, “[w]hen Congress creates “specific exceptions” to a statute’s  
22 applicability, it “proves” that absent those exceptions, the statute generally applies.  
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1 *Rodriguez v. Bostock*, 779 F. Supp. 3d 1239, 1257 (W.D. Wash. 2025) (citing *Shady*  
2 *Grove Orthopedic Assocs., P.A. v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, 559 U.S. 393, 400 (2010)).

3 39. Section 1226 therefore leaves no doubt that it applies to people who face charges of  
4 being inadmissible to the United States, including those who are present without  
5 admission or parole.

6 40. By contrast, § 1225(b) applies to people arriving at U.S. ports of entry or who  
7 recently entered the United States. The statute's entire framework is premised on  
8 inspections at the border of people who are "seeking admission" to the United  
9 States. 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A). Indeed, the Supreme Court has explained that this  
10 mandatory detention scheme applies "at the Nation's borders and ports of entry,  
11 where the Government must determine whether a[] [noncitizen] seeking to enter the  
12 country is admissible." *Jennings v. Rodriguez*, 583 U.S. 281, 287 (2018).

#### 14 **PAROLE**

15 41. "The Secretary of Homeland Security may . . . in his discretion parole into the  
16 United States temporarily under such conditions as he may prescribe only on a case-  
17 by-case basis for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit any alien  
18 applying for admission to the United States." INA § 212(d)(5)(A); 8 U.S.C. §  
19 1182(d)(5)(A).

20 42. On October 19, 2022, DHS issued a Notice in the Federal Register of the  
21 implementation of a new process "for certain Venezuelan nationals to lawfully enter  
22 the United States in a safe and orderly manner." Implementation of a Parole Process  
23 for Venezuelans, 87 Fed. Reg. 63507-17 (Oct. 19, 2022). That policy was then  
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1 extended to include Venezuelans, Cubans, Haitians, and Nicaraguans (collectively  
2 the “CHNV parole programs”) on January 5, 2023. *Fact Sheet: Data From First Six*  
3 *Months of Parole Processes for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans*  
4 *Shows That Lawful Pathways Work*, U.S. Department of Homeland Security,  
5 [https://www.dhs.gov/archive/news/2023/07/25/fact-sheet-data-first-six-months-](https://www.dhs.gov/archive/news/2023/07/25/fact-sheet-data-first-six-months-parole-processes-cubans-haitians-nicaraguans-and)  
6 [parole-processes-cubans-haitians-nicaraguans-and](https://www.dhs.gov/archive/news/2023/07/25/fact-sheet-data-first-six-months-parole-processes-cubans-haitians-nicaraguans-and) (July 25, 2023).<sup>23</sup>

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8 43. Then, on March 25, 2025, DHS issued a notice in the Federal Register that it was  
9 terminating parole for anyone admitted through the parole program for  
10 Venezuelans, or the similar parole programs for Cubans, Haitians, and Nicaraguans.  
11 *See Termination of Parole Processes for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and*  
12 *Venezuelans (“Termination Notice”), 90 Fed. Reg. 13611-01, 2025 WL 894696*  
13 *(Mar. 25, 2025).*

14 44. A non-citizen is vested with the rights granted by Congress when DHS decides to  
15 place the non-citizen in § 240 removal proceedings instead of expedited removal.  
16 *Mata Velasquez v. Kurzdorfer*, No. 25-CV-493-LJV, 2025 WL 1953796, at 9  
17 (W.D.N.Y. July 16, 2025); *see also Petitioner, v. David Rivas, et al., Respondents.*,  
18 No. CV-25-02943-PHX-GMS, 2025 WL 2899092 (D. Ariz. Oct. 10, 2025). A non-  
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20 <sup>2</sup> The official White House statement on the expansion of this policy appears to have  
21 been removed from the White House website. *See generally*  
22 [https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/01/05/fact-sheet-](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/01/05/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-new-border-enforcement-actions/)  
[biden-harris-administration-announces-new-border-enforcement-actions/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/01/05/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-new-border-enforcement-actions/) (last visited  
Nov. 3, 2025).

23 <sup>3</sup> *See also* Implementation of a Parole Process for Cubans, 88 Fed. Reg. 1266 (Jan. 9,  
24 2023); Implementation of a Parole Process for Haitians, 88 Fed. Reg. 1243 (Jan. 9, 2023);  
Implementation of a Parole Process for Nicaraguans, 88 Fed. Reg. 1255 (Jan. 9, 2023).

1 citizen has a vested reliance interest when they pursue an application for asylum  
2 after being “invited” into the country through the grant of parole. *Petitioner, v.*  
3 *David Rivas, et al., Respondents.*, No. CV-25-02943-PHX-GMS, 2025 WL  
4 2899092 (D. Ariz. Oct. 10, 2025); *see also Mata Velasquez v. Kurzdorfer*, No. 25-  
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9 have a right to an individualized determination as to the revocation or cancellation  
10 of that parole. *Mata Velasquez v. Kurzdorfer*, No. 25-CV-493-LJV, 2025 WL  
11 1953796, at 11 (W.D.N.Y. July 16, 2025).

12 46. Detention is unlawful if it follows the unlawful termination of parole. *Y-Z-L-H v.*  
13 *Bostock*, No. 3:25-CV-965-SI, 2025 WL 1898025, at 11 (D. Or. July 9, 2025).  
14 Termination of parole for an asylum seeker is unlawful by virtue of being arbitrary  
15 and capricious where parole was granted to enable the pursuit of asylum and there  
16 is no formal determination that that “humanitarian” purpose has been satisfied or  
17 exhausted. *Y-Z-L-H v. Bostock*, No. 3:25-CV-965-SI, 2025 WL 1898025, at 12–13  
18 (D. Or. July 9, 2025); *see also Noori v. Larose*, 2025 WL 2800149, 13 (S.D. Ca.  
19 Oct. 1, 2025) (unpub) (noting that a paroled non-citizen should not be returned to  
20 custody unless the purposes of the parole have been served). Indeed, where an  
21 asylum seeker was paroled, the purpose of parole has not been satisfied when an  
22 asylum seeker had not completed the asylum process. *Orellana v. Francis*, 2025  
23 WL 2402780, 5 (E.D.N.Y. Aug, 19, 2025) (unpub). In such an instance, stripping  
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1 that person of parole and re-detaining them is a violation of the Administrative  
2 Procedure Act. *Id.*

### 3 EXHAUSTION

4 47.8 U.S.C. 1252(d) allows the Court to review a *final order of removal* only if “the  
5 alien has exhausted all administrative remedies available to the alien as of right.  
6 “However, that subsection applies only to the review of a final order of removal.”  
7 *Giron Reyes v. Lyons*, --- F.Supp.3d ----, 2025 WL 2712427, at 3 (N.D. Iowa Sept.  
8 23, 2025).

9 48. “There is no statutory requirement that a habeas petitioner exhaust his  
10 administrative remedies before challenging his immigration detention.” *J.O.E. v.*  
11 *Bondi*, — F. Supp. 3d —, 2025 WL 2466670, at 5 (D. Minn. Aug. 27, 2025).

12 49. Awaiting exhaustion of administrative remedies would be futile. “Where the agency  
13 has already adopted a definitive position, exhaustion serves no purpose.” *Eliseo A.A.*  
14 *v. Olson*, 2025 WL 2886729, at 7 (D. Minn. Oct. 8, 2025) (*citing McCarthy v.*  
15 *Madigan*, 503 U.S. 140, 148 (1992)). Here, administrative review would be futile  
16 because “it is settled that the immigration judge and [the BIA] lack jurisdiction to  
17 rule upon the constitutionality of the [INA] and the regulations.” *Matter of C-*, 20  
18 I&N Dec. 529, 532 (BIA 1992).

19 50. Awaiting a BIA determination on Mr. Gonzalez Contreras’s appeal guarantees  
20 irreparable harm. He has been detained for three months since the dismissal of his  
21 asylum application and subsequent detention. In-custody BIA appeals can take  
22 hundreds of days, sometimes over a year, to resolve. “In 2024, EOIR data showed  
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1 an average processing time of 204 days for bond appeals. EOIR data also showed  
2 that 200 bond appeal cases “took a year or longer to resolve.” *Rodriguez v. Bostock*,  
3 779 F. Supp. 3d 1239, 1248 (W.D. Wash. 2025) (internal citations omitted).

4 **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

5 **COUNT I**

6 **Violation of Due Process**

7 51. Petitioner repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference each allegation in the  
8 preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

9 52. The government may not deprive a person of life, liberty, or property without due  
10 process of law. U.S. Const. amend. V. “Freedom from imprisonment—from  
11 government custody, detention, or other forms of physical restraint—lies at the heart  
12 of the liberty that the Clause protects.” *Zadvydas*, 533 U.S. at 690, 121 S.Ct. at 150  
13 (2001).

14 53. The government’s arbitrary revocation of parole and subsequent detention of  
15 Petitioner is unjustified. The government had an obligation to provide Petitioner  
16 prior notice of the revocation of parole to prevent erroneous deprivation. No such  
17 notice was provided. The government had an obligation to provide an individualized  
18 determination that the purposes of parole had been satisfied, mooted, or the  
19 Petitioner had violated conditions of parole. No such individualized determination  
20 was conducted. Further, no evidence in the record would support a finding the  
21 Petitioner violated conditions of parole, the underlying asylum application had been  
22 adjudicated, or that the underlying asylum application had been mooted.  
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1 54. Petitioner has a fundamental interest in liberty and being free from official restraint.

2 55. Given no procedural proper revocation was conducted – and no facts in the record  
3 would support an inference that one could have been conducted – the inexorable  
4 conclusion is that the Petitioner was and remains unlawfully deprived of his liberty.

5 **COUNT II**

6 **Violation of the APA**

7 56. Petitioner incorporates by reference the allegations of fact set forth in the preceding  
8 paragraphs.

9 57. Under 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)(A), humanitarian parole may be revoked when when the  
10 purposes of such parole shall [...] have been served.”

11 58. Petitioner was granted humanitarian parole to pursue his asylum claim, which  
12 remains unresolved. “Therefore, the purpose of Petitioner’s parole had not been  
13 served at the time of termination.” *Noori v. LaRose*, ---F.Supp.3d---, 2025 2800149,  
14 \*13 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 01, 2025).

15 **COUNT III**

16 **Applying a mandatory detention regulation to a Petitioner categorized under 8**

17 **U.S.C. 1226(a) violates due process as applied**

18 59. The government has withdrawn its former position of categorizing Petitioner as  
19 subject to mandatory detention under 8 U.S.C. 1225. The IJ found that even if  
20 Petitioner is subject to 8 U.S.C.1226, he would still be subject to the mandatory  
21 detention under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.19(h)(2)(i)(B). It is contradictory to find that  
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1 Petitioner is both subject to a statute concerning discretionary detention, and then  
2 hold that he is ineligible for bond.

3 60. Respondents have arbitrarily rescinded Petitioner's parole and have left him  
4 detained without recourse and left him with no avenue to prove he merits a bond to  
5 escape detention. *See Zadvydas*, 533 U.S. at 690 (finding immigration detention  
6 must further the twin goals of (1) ensuring the noncitizen's appearance during  
7 removal proceedings and (2) preventing danger to the community). Petitioner  
8 cannot present facts demonstrating that he can be safely released back to his  
9 community when the Respondents illegally deprive any IJ of jurisdiction to hear his  
10 case.  
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13 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

14 WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this Court grant the following relief:

15 61. Assume jurisdiction over this matter;

16 62. Issue a writ of habeas corpus requiring that Respondents immediately release  
17 Petitioner due to the detention resulting from due process violations and APA  
18 violations stemming from the arbitrary revocation of Petitioner's parole.

19 63. Require Petitioner's release under the same conditions as his improperly revoked  
20 grant of parole, until such time as the purposes of parole have been satisfied.

21 64. Alternatively, provide Petitioner with a bond hearing pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a)  
22 within 14 days following a finding that the Immigration Court has jurisdiction to  
23 issue a bond;  
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1 65. Award Petitioner attorney's fees and costs under the Equal Access to Justice Act  
2 ("EAJA"), as amended, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, and on any other basis justified under  
3 law; and

4 66. Grant any other and further relief that this Court deems just and proper.

5 DATED this 30th day of December 2025.

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