

Magistrate Judge Grady J. Leupold

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

ALEXANDER JIMENEZ-GIL,

Petitioner,

v.

PAMELA BONDI, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Case No. 2:26-cv-00002-GJL

FEDERAL RESPONDENTS'  
NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL  
AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7(n), Federal Respondents hereby bring to the Court's attention relevant supplemental authority which was issued after the briefing was complete on Petitioner's habeas petition. On February 6, 2026, the Fifth Circuit issued a decision in *Buenrostro-Mendez v. Bondi*, No. 25-20496, 2026 WL 323330 (5th Cir. Feb. 6, 2026), which agrees with the government's position that noncitizens who are present in the United States who have not been admitted, including noncitizens that have lived in the United States for years after unlawfully entry, are applicants for admission that are subject to mandatory detention pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A) pending their removal proceedings. The Fifth Circuit reversed the district courts' orders to provide petitioners with bond hearings or release them, and remanded the cases for further proceedings.

1 DATED this 9th day of February, 2026.

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