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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

14 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

15 ALEJANDRO A BELLO-TENORIO,

16 Petitioner,

17 v.

18 CHRISTOPHER J. LAROSE, et al.,

19 Respondent.

20 Case No.: 26-cv-00616-RBM-MSB

21 **RETURN TO PETITION**

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1 In light of the district court's order in *Maldonado Bautista v. Santacruz*, No. 5:25-
2 CV-01873-SSS-BFM, --- F. Supp. 3d ---, 2025 WL 3713987 (C.D. Cal. Dec. 18, 2025),
3 Respondents acknowledge that Petitioner is detained under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) and is
4 entitled to an order from this Court directing a bond hearing be held pursuant to 8 U.S.C.
5 § 1226(a).¹

6 Respondents reserve the right to supplement this response in the event of a stay of
7 enforcement of the *Bautista* final judgment, appellate relief, or a change in DHS policy.

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26 ¹ To the extent the Court issues an order directing a bond hearing under 1226(a),
27 considering heavy caseloads and staffing levels, Respondents respectfully request that such
28 order provide the government 14 days from issuance to hold such bond hearing.