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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

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**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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12 EDUARDO GALAN BARRIOS,

Case No.: 26-cv-00751-AGS-DEB

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**RESPONSE TO PETITION**

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Petitioner,

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v.

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PAMELA J. BONDI, Attorney General of  
17 the United States, Department of Justice, *et*  
18 *al.*,

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Respondents.

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1 Petitioner appears to be a member of the Bond Eligible Class certified in *Maldonado*  
2 *Bautista v. Santacruz*, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-BFM, --- F. Supp. 3d ---, 2025 WL  
3 3288403 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 25, 2025). The *Bautista* court has entered final judgement as to  
4 the Bond Eligible Class. *Bautista*, ECF No. 94. Accordingly, Respondents acknowledge that  
5 Petitioner is detained under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) and are entitled to an order from this Court  
6 directing a bond hearing be held pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).<sup>1</sup>

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

9 DATED: February 12, 2026

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