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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

12 VICTOR MANUEL PEREZ BARRIOS,

13 Petitioner,

14 v.

15 PAM BONDI, in her official capacity as
16 Attorney General of the United States, *et al.*,

17 Respondents.
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Case No.: 26-cv-01365-JO-BLM

RESPONSE TO PETITION

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23 Petitioner appears to be a member of the Bond Eligible Class certified in *Maldonado*
24 *Bautista v. Santacruz*, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-BFM, --- F. Supp. 3d ---, 2025 WL
25 3288403 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 25, 2025). The Ninth Circuit later stayed application of the Order
26 beyond the Central District of California. However, Respondents acknowledge the prior
27 orders from this District directing bond hearings pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) in similar
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1 cases.¹ Respondents therefore do not oppose an Order requiring such a hearing for
2 Petitioner.

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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.