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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

10 NESTOR JOSE BLANCO SEQUERA,
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12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 CHRISTOPHER J. LAROSE, *et al.*,
15 Respondents.
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Case No.: 26-cv-01697-TWR-JLB

RESPONSE TO PETITION

19 Petitioner has filed a habeas petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The government has
20 carefully reviewed this petition and determined that the legal issues presented concern the
21 statutory authority for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) detention of
22 Petitioner under 8 U.S.C. §§ 1225(b)(2)(A) or 1226(a). While reserving all rights, including
23 the right to appeal, the government respectfully submits this abbreviated response to
24 preserve the legal issues, to conserve judicial and party resources, and to expedite the
25 Court's consideration of this matter.

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1 Petitioner was previously released from immigration custody on conditional parole
2 issued under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a). It is the government's position that Petitioner is subject
3 to mandatory detention under § 1225(b)(2). However, the government acknowledges that
4 this Court, and Courts in this District, have repeatedly reached the opposite conclusion
5 under the same and/or similar facts. *See, e.g., Arias Torres v. Bondi*, No. 25-cv-2457-BAS-
6 MSB, 2025 WL 3214773 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 18, 2025); *Martinez Lopez v. LaRose*, No. 25-
7 cv-2717-JES-AHG, 2025 WL 3030457 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 30, 2025); *Beltran v. Noem*, No.
8 25cv2650-LL-DEB, 2025 WL 3078837 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 4, 2025); *Garcia v. Noem*, 803 F.
9 Supp. 3d 1064 (S.D. Cal. 2025); *Esquivel-Ipina v. LaRose*, No. 25-CV-2672 JLS (BLM),
10 2025 WL 2998361 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 24, 2025); *Lucas-Miguel v. LaRose*, No. 25-cv-3022-
11 RSH-JLB, 2025 WL 3251580 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 21, 2025); *Vasquez-Diaz v. LaRose*, No. 25-
12 cv-3038-TWR-JLB, ECF No. 6 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 13, 2025); *Cardoso v. LaRose*, No. 25-cv-
13 3043-BJC-VET, ECF No. 7 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 12, 2025); *Maceda-Garcia v. Noem*, No. 25-
14 cv-2968-JO-JLB, ECF No. 9 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 13, 2025); *A.S. v. LaRose*, No. 25-cv-2876-
15 RBM-VET, ECF No. 9 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 19, 2025); *Prieto-Cordova v. LaRose*, No. 25-cv-
16 2824-CAB-DDL, 2025 WL 3228953 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 19, 2025); *Lagarda-Vega v. Noem*,
17 No. 25-cv-2970-GPC-DDL, 2025 WL 3558931 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 11, 2025); *Nayyer v.*
18 *LaRose*, No. 25-cv-3111-AGS-DDL, ECF No. 7 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 12, 2025); *Amaya v.*
19 *Noem*, No. 25cv2892-BTM-DEB, 2025 WL 3182998 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 13, 2025).

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1 The government acknowledges that this Court's prior decisions will control the
2 result here if the Court adheres to its prior decisions, as the facts are not materially
3 distinguishable for purposes of the Court's decision. Accordingly, the government does not
4 oppose the petition and defers to the Court on the appropriate relief.

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