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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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12 CESAR AUGUSTO AGUILAR ZETA,

13 Petitioner,

14 v.

15 MARKWAYNE MULLIN, et al.,¹

16 Respondents.
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Case No.: 26CV1838 RSH BLM

RESPONSE TO PETITION

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19 Petitioner appears to be a member of the Bond Eligible Class certified in *Maldonado*
20 *Bautista v. Santacruz*, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-BFM, --- F. Supp. 3d ---, 2025 WL
21 3288403 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 25, 2025). The Ninth Circuit later stayed application of the Order
22 beyond the Central District of California. However, Respondents acknowledge the prior
23 orders from this District directing bond hearings pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) in similar
24 cases. Respondents therefore do not oppose an order from this Court directing a bond
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27 ¹ By operation of law, current DHS Secretary Markwayne Mullin is automatically
28 substituted for Kristi Noem as the proper defendant.

1 hearing be held pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).²

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26 ² 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
28 the government be granted 10 days to conduct such hearing.