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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 **GIRMAY NEGASI,**

13 **Petitioner,**

14 **v.**

15 **Jeremy Casey, Warden at Imperial**
16 **Regional Detention Facility, et al.,**

17 **Respondents.**

CIVIL CASE NO.: 26-cv-1858-AGS

Status report

18 On March 26, 2026, this Court requested Federal Defenders screen Girmay
19 Negasi's case and determine whether it can and will accept appointment of counsel.
20 Undersigned counsel has spoken with Mr. Negasi and determined that his case is
21 meritorious and that he financially qualifies for Federal Defenders' services.
22 Appointment of counsel is therefore appropriate.

23 This Court also requested Federal Defenders state whether, under Chief
24 Judge Order 134, it requests to file supplemental briefing. Federal Defenders
25 requests leave to file a traverse on Mr. Negasi's behalf on a date set by the Court
26 after the Court orders the government to file its return.

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Respectfully submitted,

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