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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

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12 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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14 ALBERTO GALLARDO-MORALES,

Case No.: 26-cv-02000-JLS-MMP

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Petitioner,

RESPONSE TO PETITION

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v.

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18 MARKWAYNE MULLIN,
SECRETARY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
19 HOMELAND SECURITY *et 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 Ninth Circuit later stayed application of the Order
4 beyond the Central District of California. However, Respondents acknowledge the prior
5 orders from this District directing bond hearings pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) in similar
6 cases.¹ Respondents therefore do not oppose an order from this Court directing a bond
7 hearing be held pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).

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