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

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11 JOSE LUIS CRUZ GASCA,

Petitioner,

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14 v.

15 MARKWAYNE MULLIN, Secretary,
16 *U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et*
17 *al.,*

18 Respondents.
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Case No. 26-cv-02118-RSH-DEB

**RETURN TO PETITION FOR WRIT
OF HABEAS CORPUS**

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

7 Respondents therefore do not oppose an order from this Court directing a bond
8 hearing be held pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).

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10 DATED: April 13, 2026

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