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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 MARIANO HERNANDEZ-ESCALANTE,

12 Petitioner,  
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14 v.

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

17 Respondents.  
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Case No. 26-cv-02149-DMS-AHG

**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 acknowledges the prior  
5 orders from this District directing bond hearings pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) in similar  
6 cases.<sup>1</sup>

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 14, 2026

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<sup>1</sup> 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.