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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 ELTON EMMANUEL MUGENI,

Case No.: 26-cv-2311-BAS

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12 Petitioner,

**Traverse in Support of First
Amended Petition for Writ of
Habeas Corpus**

13 v.

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15 MARKWAYNE MULLIN, Secretary of
16 the Department of Homeland Security,
17 TODD BLANCHE, Acting Attorney
18 General, TODD M. LYONS, Acting
19 Director, Immigration and Customs
20 Enforcement, JESUS ROCHA, Acting
21 Field Office Director, San Diego Field
22 Office, CHRISTOPHER LAROSE,
23 Warden at Otay Mesa Detention Center,

24 Respondents.

21 Elton Emmanuel Mugeni filed an amended habeas petition on April 21,
22 2026, arguing that he entered the United States unlawfully and was later
23 apprehended within the borders of the country, thus he is detained under 8 U.S.C.
24 § 1226(a). *See* Amended Petition, ECF No. 7. As a result, he is among the class of
25 people that are entitled to a bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), this Court’s
26 prior decisions, and *Maldonado-Bautista v. Noem*, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-
27 BFM, 2025 WL 3713987, at *12 (C.D. Cal. Dec. 18, 2025).
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