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

13 FRANKLIN WILFREDO MENDEZ-  
 14 REYES,

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16 Petitioner,

17 v.

18 MARKWAYNE MULLIN, *Secretary,*  
 19 *U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et*  
 20 *al.,*

21 Respondents.

Case No. 26-cv-02372-BAS-SBC

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

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