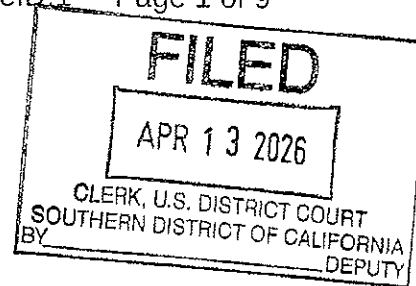


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Illinois



Saeid Zarei

Petitioner

(the name under which you were convicted)


v.

Christopher J. Larose, Patrick Divver,
Todd M. Lyons, Kristi Noem,
Pamela Bondi

Case Number: '26CV2335 JES DDL

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241

Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: Saeid Zarei
(b) Other names you have used: _____
2. Place of confinement:
(a) Name of institution: Otay Mesa Detention Center
(b) Address: 7488 - Calzada De La Fuente - San Diego, CA - 92154
(c) Your identification number: 
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
 Federal authorities State authorities Other - explain:
ICE
4. Are you currently:
 A pretrial detainee (waiting for trial on criminal charges)
 Serving a sentence (incarceration, parole, probation, etc.) after having been convicted of a crime
If you are currently serving a sentence, provide:
(a) Name and location of court that sentenced: _____
(b) Docket number of criminal case: _____
(c) Date of sentencing: _____
 Being held on an immigration charge
 Other (explain): _____

Decision or Action You Are Challenging

5. What are you challenging in this petition:
 How your sentence is being carried out, calculated, or credited by prison or parole authorities (for example, revocation or calculation of good time credits)

Pretrial detention

Immigration detention

Detainer

The validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed (for example, sentence beyond the statutory maximum or improperly calculated under the sentencing guidelines)

Disciplinary proceedings

Other (explain): _____

6. Provide more information about the decision or action you are challenging:

(a) Name and location of the agency or court: Otay Mesa Detention Center
7488 - Calzada De La Fuente - San Diego, CA - 92154

(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(c) Decision or action you are challenging (for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed):

1. Unlawful prolonged detention. 2. Indefinite and uncertain end to this detention

3. Defiance of the spirit of the Writ of Habeas Corpus (26 - cv - 0308 - GPC - MMP)

4. Poor physical health status. 5. Poor mental health status. 6. Poor detention conditions

(d) Date of the decision or action: From March 27, 2025 until now

Your Earlier Challenges of the Decision or Action

7. **First appeal**

Did you appeal the decision, file a grievance, or seek an administrative remedy?

Yes No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not _____

8. **Second appeal**

After the first appeal, did you file a second appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

Yes No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a second appeal: _____

9. **Third appeal**

After the second appeal, did you file a third appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

Yes No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a third appeal: _____

10. **Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255**

In this petition, are you challenging the validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed?

Yes No

If "Yes," answer the following:

(a) Have you already filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 that challenged this conviction or sentence?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: _____

(2) Case number: _____

(3) Date of filing: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) Have you ever filed a motion in a United States Court of Appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), seeking permission to file a second or successive Section 2255 motion to challenge this conviction or sentence?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: _____

(2) Case number: _____

(3) Date of filing: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(c) Explain why the remedy under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is inadequate or ineffective to challenge your conviction or sentence: _____

11. Appeals of immigration proceedings

Does this case concern immigration proceedings?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Date you were taken into immigration custody: 03/27/2025

(b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: N/A

(c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Date of filing: _____

(2) Case number: _____

(3) Result: _____

(4) Date of result: _____

(5) Issues raised: _____

(d) Did you appeal the decision to the United States Court of Appeals?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Case number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

12. **Other appeals**

Other than the appeals you listed above, have you filed any other petition, application, or motion about the issues raised in this petition?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Kind of petition, motion, or application: Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus

(b) Name of the authority, agency, or court: Habeas Corpus

(c) Date of filing: January 18, 2026

(d) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: 26 - cv - 0308 - GPC - MMP

(e) Result: Petition granted

(f) Date of result: January 30, 2026

(g) Issues raised: _____

Grounds for Your Challenge in This Petition

13. State every ground (reason) that supports your claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground.

GROUND ONE: Unlawful prolonged detention
I have remained in continuous detention for almost 13 months

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):

Besides, it is not definite and certain that how much longer I will be kept in detention.
My immigration Proceedings are continued and after several sessions of final hearing
my IJ. Grande was changed into IJ. John Discoll.

(b) Did you present Ground One in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes No

GROUND TWO: Defiance of the order of Habeas Corpus and denial of my bond request

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

Although the Writ of Habeas Corpus ordered that Respondents hold a true and
meaningful bond hearing for me, my bond request was denied. In fact, this denial
was in contrast with the spirit of the Writ of Habeas Corpus.

(b) Did you present Ground Two in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes No

GROUND THREE: Poor physical health status:

Severe hair - loss, sever skin problem; Deterioration of eyesight.

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

(b) Did you present Ground Three in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes No

GROUND FOUR: Poor mental health status:

General Anxiety; Panic Attack; Nervous twitches (eyelid, leg, neck)

Depression; Nightmare; Sudden bursts of crying

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

GROUND FIVE: Poor detention conditions:

1. Ill treatment, disregardfulness and disrespect towards detainees

2. Poor level of hygiene

3. Low quality of food

(b) Did you present Ground Four in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes No

14. If there are any grounds that you did not present in all appeals that were available to you, explain why you did not:

Request for Relief

15. State exactly what you want the court to do:

Based on foregoing, I respectfully request the Court to :

* Issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus ordering Respondent to immediately release me from ICE Custody;

* Grant me a pro bono FEDERAL Lawyer.

* PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

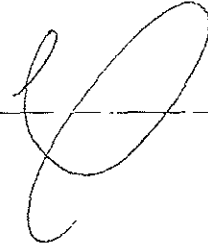
If you are incarcerated, on what date did you place this petition in the prison mail system:

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the petitioner, I have read this petition or had it read to me, and the information in this petition is true and correct. I understand that a false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution for perjury.

Date: April 17, 2026

Saeid Zarei

Signature of Petitioner



Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any