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

11 MIGUEL MENDEZ ESPINO,  
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13 Petitioner,  
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15 v.  
WARDEN, Otay Mesa Detention Center,  
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17 Respondent.

Case No.: 26-cv-02599-JLS-DDL  
**RESPONSE TO PETITION**

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19 Petitioner appears to be a member of the Bond Eligible Class certified in *Maldonado*  
20 *Bautista v. Santacruz*, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-BFM, --- F. Supp. 3d ---, 2025 WL  
21 3288403 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 25, 2025). The Ninth Circuit later stayed application of the Order  
22 beyond the Central District of California. However, Respondent acknowledges the prior  
23 orders from this District directing bond hearings pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) in similar  
24 cases.<sup>1</sup>

25 Respondent therefore does not oppose an order from this Court directing a bond

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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.

1 hearing be held pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).

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