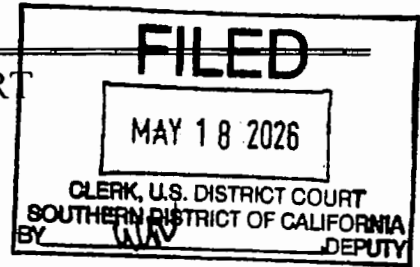


AO 242 (Rev. 09/17) Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Southern District of California



Elena Samoilova

Petitioner

v.

Christopher LaRose, Sr. Warden; OMDC
Merrick Garland, Attorney General; Alejandro Mayorkas;
Tae Johnson, Acting Director of ICE


Respondent

(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

Case No. '26CV3101 JO VET
(Supplied by Clerk of Court)

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

Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: Elena Samoilova
- (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: _____

Immigration _____
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 you: _____
 - (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)

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- 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: _____
- (b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____
- (c) Decision or action you are challenging (*for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed*): _____
- (d) Date of the decision or action: _____

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 appeal: _____

8. **Second appeal**

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

- Yes
- No

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(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

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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: 02/20/2026
- (b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: _____
- (c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?

Yes No

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

- (c) Date of filing: _____
- (d) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____
- (e) Result: _____
- (f) Date of result: _____
- (g) Issues raised: _____

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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. Any legal arguments must be submitted in a separate memorandum.

GROUND ONE: Violation of Fifth Amendment to U.S. Constitution Right to Due Process prohibits the federal government from depriving any person of "life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." Due process protects "all persons" in the U.S., including non-citizens, whether their presence is lawful, unlawful, temporary or permanent." *Zadvidas*, 533 U.S. at 693.

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

I do not represent any risk of running away or risk to the community. I arrived in 2022 on B1/B2 visa, while in the U.S. I received threats from my father who said he was going to report my anti-government activities to the Putin regime. I, along with my husband, filed for asylum before the expiration of my visitor visa.

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

Yes No

GROUND TWO: Violating of the Administrative Procedure Act - 5 U.S.C. §706(2)(A) - 8 U.S.C. §1226 and Federal Regulations. Under the APA, a court shall "hold unlawful and set aside agency action" that is abuse of discretion. 5 U.S.C. §706(2)(A).

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

I have been detained for almost 3 months.

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

Yes No

GROUND THREE: I am detained under §1226(a), not §1225(b). I am not a recent entrant to the U.S. I was arrested by ICE while in the U.S. My continued detention violates the INA and the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution.

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

I arrived in 2022 on a B1/B2 visa, while in the U.S., I received threats from report my anti-government activities to the Putin regime. I, along with my husband, filed for asylum before the expiration of my visitor visa.

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

Yes No

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GROUND FOUR:

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

(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:

Order my immediate release from detention, or, in the alternative, order a bond hearing at which the government must prove by clear convincing evidence that my continued detention is necessary.

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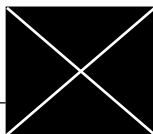
Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

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

May 13, 2026

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: 5/13/2026



Signature of Petitioner

Paula Marie Bacci

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any