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

12 MIGUEL NAVA PAREDES,

13 Petitioner,
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15 v.

16 JEREMY CASEY, *Warden, Imperial*
Regional Detention Facility, et al.,
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18 Respondents.
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Case No.: 26-cv-03462-RBM-SBC

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

22 Petitioner has filed a habeas petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The government has
23 carefully reviewed this petition and determined that the legal issues presented concern the
24 statutory authority for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) detention of
25 Petitioner under 8 U.S.C. §§ 1225(b)(2)(A) or 1226(a). While reserving all rights, including
26 the right to appeal, the government respectfully submits this abbreviated response to
27 preserve the legal issues, to conserve judicial and party resources, and to expedite the
28 Court's consideration of this matter.

1 Petitioner was previously released from immigration custody on parole issued under
2 8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5). Respondents have insufficient information regarding termination of
3 that parole, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 212.5(e)(2), to provide to the Court. It is the
4 government's position that Petitioner is subject to mandatory detention under § 1225(b)(2).
5 However, the government acknowledges that this Court, and Courts in this District, have
6 repeatedly reached the opposite conclusion under the same and/or similar facts. *See, e.g.,*
7 *Arias Torres v. Bondi*, No. 25-cv-2457-BAS-MSB, 2025 WL 3214773 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 18,
8 2025); *Martinez Lopez v. LaRose*, No. 25-cv-2717-JES-AHG, 2025 WL 3030457 (S.D.
9 Cal. Oct. 30, 2025); *Beltran v. Noem*, No. 25cv2650-LL-DEB, 2025 WL 3078837 (S.D.
10 Cal. Nov. 4, 2025); *Garcia v. Noem*, 803 F. Supp. 3d 1064 (S.D. Cal. 2025); *Esquivel-Ipina*
11 *v. LaRose*, No. 25-CV-2672 JLS (BLM), 2025 WL 2998361 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 24, 2025);
12 *Lucas-Miguel v. LaRose*, No. 25-cv-3022-RSH-JLB, 2025 WL 3251580 (S.D. Cal. Nov.
13 21, 2025); *Vasquez-Diaz v. LaRose*, No. 25-cv-3038-TWR-JLB, ECF No. 6 (S.D. Cal. Nov.
14 13, 2025); *Cardoso v. LaRose*, No. 25-cv-3043-BJC-VET, ECF No. 7 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 12,
15 2025); *Maceda-Garcia v. Noem*, No. 25-cv-2968-JO-JLB, ECF No. 9 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 13,
16 2025); *A.S. v. LaRose*, No. 25-cv-2876-RBM-VET, ECF No. 9 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 19, 2025);
17 *Prieto-Cordova v. LaRose*, No. 25-cv-2824-CAB-DDL, 2025 WL 3228953 (S.D. Cal.
18 Nov. 19, 2025); *Lagarda-Vega v. Noem*, No. 25-cv-2970-GPC-DDL, 2025 WL 3558931
19 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 11, 2025); *Nayyer v. LaRose*, No. 25-cv-3111-AGS-DDL, ECF No. 7 (S.D.
20 Cal. Dec. 12, 2025); *Amaya v. Noem*, No. 25cv2892-BTM-DEB, 2025 WL 3182998 (S.D.
21 Cal. Nov. 13, 2025).

22 The government acknowledges that this Court's prior decisions will control the
23 result here if the Court adheres to its prior decisions, as the facts are not materially
24 distinguishable for purposes of the Court's decision, and on that basis the government does
25 not oppose the petition and defers to the Court on the appropriate relief.¹

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27 ¹ 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

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24 such order provide the government 14 days from issuance to hold such bond hearing.
25 Respondents also respectfully note that the Ninth Circuit has confirmed that at a bond
26 hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), the burden is on the detainee to demonstrate by a
27 preponderance of the evidence that he is not a flight risk or danger to the community. *See*
28 *Rodriguez Diaz v. Garland*, 53 F.4th 1189, 1197 (9th Cir. 2022); *see also Dos Santos v.*
Becerra, No. 26-cv-01423-GPC-VET, 2026 WL 800201 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 23, 2026).