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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 WILLIAM SELANY
11 MENJIBAR-GABARRETE,

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 JEREMY CASEY, in his official
15 capacity as Warden of Imperial
Regional Detention Facility, *et al.*,
16

17 Respondents

Case No.: 26cv03630 JO DDL
RESPONSE TO PETITION

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

26 Petitioner was previously released from immigration custody on conditional parole
27 issued under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a). It is the government's position that Petitioner is subject
28 to mandatory detention under § 1225(b)(2). However, the government acknowledges that

1 this Court, and Courts in this District, have repeatedly reached the opposite conclusion
 2 under the same and/or similar facts. *See, e.g., Arias Torres v. Bondi*, No. 25-cv-2457-BAS-
 3 MSB, 2025 WL 3214773 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 18, 2025); *Martinez Lopez v. LaRose*, No. 25-
 4 cv-2717-JES-AHG, 2025 WL 3030457 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 30, 2025); *Beltran v. Noem*, No.
 5 25cv2650-LL-DEB, 2025 WL 3078837 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 4, 2025); *Garcia v. Noem*, 803 F.
 6 Supp. 3d 1064 (S.D. Cal. 2025); *Esquivel-Ipina v. LaRose*, No. 25-CV-2672 JLS (BLM),
 7 2025 WL 2998361 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 24, 2025); *Lucas-Miguel v. LaRose*, No. 25-cv-3022-
 8 RSH-JLB, 2025 WL 3251580 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 21, 2025); *Vasquez-Diaz v. LaRose*, No. 25-
 9 cv-3038-TWR-JLB, ECF No. 6 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 13, 2025); *Cardoso v. LaRose*, No. 25-cv-
 10 3043-BJC-VET, ECF No. 7 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 12, 2025); *Maceda-Garcia v. Noem*, No. 25-
 11 cv-2968-JO-JLB, ECF No. 9 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 13, 2025); *A.S. v. LaRose*, No. 25-cv-2876-
 12 RBM-VET, ECF No. 9 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 19, 225); *Prieto-Cordova v. LaRose*, No. 25-cv-
 13 2824-CAB-DDL, 2025 WL 3228953 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 19, 2025); *Lagarda-Vega v. Noem*,
 14 No. 25-cv-2970-GPC-DDL, 2025 WL 3558931 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 11, 2025); *Nayyer v.*
 15 *LaRose*, No. 25-cv-3111-AGS-DDL, ECF No. 7 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 12, 2025); *Amaya v.*
 16 *Noem*, No. 25cv2892-BTM-DEB, 2025 WL 3182998 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 13, 2025).

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

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 23 ¹ To the extent the Court issues an order directing a bond hearing under 1226(a),
 24 considering heavy caseloads and staffing levels, Respondents respectfully request that
 25 such order provide the government 14 days from issuance to hold such bond hearing.
 26 Respondents also respectfully note that the Ninth Circuit has confirmed that at a bond
 27 hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), the burden is on the detainee to demonstrate by a
 28 preponderance of the evidence that he is not a flight risk or danger to the community. *See*
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).

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