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

10 ALY EGHAILAS,  
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12 Petitioner,

13 vs.

14 CHRISTOPHER LAROSE, warden of  
15 Otay Mesa Detention Center;  
16 PATRICK DIVVER, San Diego Field  
17 Office Director, Immigration and Customs  
18 Enforcement and Removal Operations  
19 ("ICE/ERO");  
20 TODD LYONS, Acting Director of  
21 Immigration Customs Enforcement  
22 ("ICE");  
23 MARKWAYNE MULLIN, Secretary of  
24 the Department of Homeland Security  
25 ("DHS");  
26 ACTING Attorney General of the United  
27 States,  
28 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
SECURITY;  
U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS  
ENFORCEMENT;

Respondents.

Case No.: 3:26-cv-03759-BAS-MSB

TRAVERSE TO PETITION FOR  
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

1                   **The Petitioner was illegally detained and must be released.**

2                   **Bond is not the appropriate remedy.**

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4           The government's response states "... the government does not oppose the  
5 petition and defers to the Court on the appropriate relief." ECF 4 p. 3. Petitioner  
6 asserts the government's arrest and detention of Mr. Eghailas was not authorized  
7 under color of any law. His arrest and detention were a violation of his right to due  
8 process guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution and was a  
9 violation of the Administrative Procedures Act.  
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12           Count One of the Petition set out in detail how his detention was a violation  
13 of due process because the government did not follow its own procedural rules  
14 regarding revocation of his liberty. In addition, the government did not afford the  
15 petitioner any pre-detention notice or hearing regarding the termination of his  
16 liberty interest he had accrued during the time he was on parole and thereafter. The  
17 appropriate remedy for this violation of due process is not a bond hearing. The  
18 appropriate remedy is Mr. Eghailas' immediate release from custody.  
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22           Count Two of the Petition set out in detail how his detention was a violation  
23 of the APA because the government did not follow its own rules regarding  
24 revocation of his liberty. The appropriate remedy for this violation of the APA is  
25 not a bond hearing. The appropriate remedy is Mr. Eghailas' immediate release  
26 from custody.  
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2 If Mr. Eghailas' detention was unlawful, *ab initio*, he should not be required  
3 to post a bond and, in effect, pay a ransom to be released from this illegal  
4 detention. Nothing in the government's response indicates that Mr. Eghailas has  
5 somehow become a flight risk or a danger to the community.  
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8 In addition, the current practice at Otay Mesa Detention Center is, upon  
9 release, to immediately enroll detainees in an Alternative to Detention program and  
10 put an ankle monitor on them before their actual release. This is also done without  
11 any individualized consideration of whether the detainee is a potential flight risk or  
12 a danger to the community. Mr. Eghailas had been at liberty for quite a while prior  
13 to his detention and should not be enrolled in any ATD program and especially  
14 should not be forced to wear an ankle monitor. This court has authority to include  
15 conditions upon release. While habeas relief commonly includes reprieve from  
16 physical imprisonment, "release need not be the exclusive remedy." *Boumediene v.*  
17 *Bush*, 553 U.S. 723, 779–80 (2008) ("depending on the circumstances, more  
18 [relief] may be required").  
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23 Habeas jurisdiction extends beyond formal incarceration to restraints on  
24 liberty that are substantial, immediate, and not shared by the public generally. The  
25 Supreme Court has long recognized that custody includes significant noncarceral  
26 restraints, and that principle applies with special force where the government  
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1 requires a person to wear a physical monitoring device that enables continuous  
2 surveillance and carries the ongoing threat of re-detention for alleged  
3 noncompliance. See *Jones v. Cunningham*, 371 U.S. 236 (1963); *Hensley v.*  
4 *Municipal Court*, 411 U.S. 345 (1973). Just because an ankle monitor isn't a ball  
5 and chain doesn't make it any less burdensome or humiliating.  
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8 Finally, another practice at Otay Mesa Detention Center is to retain the  
9 Petitioner's documents that were taken when he was unlawfully detained. In  
10 particular they retain the driver's license and the work authorization card of the  
11 petitioner. This ends up being a huge burden for the petitioner because it is so  
12 difficult to get those documents replaced, especially the work authorization  
13 document. Petitioner requests the court order that any documents taken from Mr.  
14 Eghailas upon his detention be returned upon his release.  
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## 18 CONCLUSION

19 Petitioner respectfully requests this Court to grant the following:

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21 (1) Declare that Petitioner's detention violates the Due Process Clause  
22 of the Fifth Amendment and the Administrative Procedures Act;

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24 (2) Issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus ordering Respondents to release  
25 Petitioner from custody;

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27 (3) Issue an Order prohibiting Petitioner's redetention without notice  
28 and a predetention hearing before a neutral third party where the government has

1 the burden to prove by clear and convincing evidence that petitioner is a flight risk  
2 and/or danger to the community;  
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4 (4) Issue an Order prohibiting the Respondents from enrolling the  
5 Petitioner in any Alternative to Detention program, specifically barring them from  
6 requiring an ankle monitor upon his release;  
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8 (5) Issue an Order requiring the Respondents to return Petitioner's  
9 documents that were confiscated upon his arrest and detention;  
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11 (6) Grant any further relief this Court deems just and proper.

12 Dated: July 2, 2026

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Brian J. McGoldrick, CERTIFY

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this matter. My business address is 4916 Del Mar Avenue, San Diego, CA 92107. On July 2, 2026, I served a copy of this **TRAVERSE TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS** by the method and to the parties listed below:

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