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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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13 MANUEL SOTO MUNOZ,
14 Petitioner,
15 v.
16 FERETI SEMAIA, et al.,
17 Respondents.
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No. 5:25-cv-2898-MRA-BFM

**FEDERAL RESPONDENTS' ANSWER
TO PETITION; SUGGESTION OF
MOOTNESS**

RESPONDENTS' ANSWER AND SUGGESTION OF MOOTNESS

On November 4, 2025, the Court issued an order [[Dkt. 10](#)] providing that the Respondents were enjoined from continuing to detain the Petitioner unless he was provided a bond hearing before an immigration judge pursuant to [8 U.S.C. § 1226\(a\)](#) within seven days. The Court's order further required Respondents to show cause as to why a preliminary injunction should not issue.

On November 11, 2025, the Respondents filed a response [[Dkt. no. 11](#)] to the order to show cause, in which they explained that Petitioner had received a bond hearing on November 10, 2025, as ordered, and was granted release on bond by the Immigration Court, attaching a copy of the bond hearing order as an exhibit. Petitioner filed a reply attempting to argue that the preliminary injunction was not moot [[Dkt. no. 12](#)].

On November 26, 2025, the Court issued an order [[Dkt. no. 15](#)] denying the Petitioner's request for a preliminary injunction as moot. He had received the relief his Petition requested, and he had been released from detention by the Immigration Court order.

Providing the Petitioner with the § 1226(a) bond hearing, or otherwise releasing them from detention, moots the requested preliminary injunction and this habeas petition more generally. *See, e.g., Javier Gonzales et al. v. Kristi Noem et al.*, 5:25-cv-02054-ODW-BFM, [Dkt. no. 16](#) (August 25, 2025 minute order by Hon. Judge Wright, denying as moot the petitioners' pending request for a preliminary injunction given their receipt pursuant to a TRO of 1226(a) bond hearings and issuing the petitioners an order to show cause re: dismissal); [Dkt. no. 17](#) (notice of voluntary dismissal); and [Dkt. no. 18](#) (order dismissing petition). *See also Moises Salomon Zaragoza Mosqueda v. Kristi Noem et al.*, 5:25-cv-002304-CAS-BFM, [Dkt. no. 15](#) (September 17, 2025 minute order by Hon. Judge Snyder, denying preliminary injunction and issuing OSC re dismissal for mootness given the petitioners' receipt of immigration bond hearings); [Dkt. no. 16](#) (notice of voluntary dismissal); *Coc Tut v. Kristi Noem*, 5:25-cv-02701-DOC (October 30, 2025 order denying preliminary injunction as moot and issuing OSC re: dismissal

1 where bond hearings were provided to detainees pursuant to TRO).

2 Accordingly, consistent with the law and with the history of this case and the
3 Court's prior rulings regarding Petitioner's claims and their status, the Petition is moot
4 and should be dismissed.

5 Respectfully submitted,

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