UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JAGTAR SINGH

Petitioner

EMERGENCY MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AND TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

KENNETH GENALO, NYC Director, Enforcement & Removal Operations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

KENNETH GENALO, Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

KRISTI NOEM, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and

PAMELA BONDI, Attorney General of the United States,

RAUL MALDONADO, Warden, Metropolitan Detention Center, Brooklyn, NY US Bureau of Prisons

Respondents

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Petitioner JAGTAR SINGH respectfully moves, on an emergency basis, for an Order to Show Cause and Temporary Restraining:

a) ordering Respondents from transferring the Petitioner out of this district and requiring them to identify his precise location immediately;

b) granting the writ of habeas corpus and ordering Petitioner's immediate release, or,

c) to conduct a lawful, contemporaneous custody determination within 24–48 hours supported by documentation showing lawful arrest authority and individualized deliberation,

d) ordering Respondents to produce Petitioner forthwith,

e) ordering Respondents to produce the DHS administrative file (A-file) and DHS and ICE custody, detention, and administrative records relating to Petitioner within forty-eight (48) hours of this Order, and failure to do so shall result in appropriate relief,

f) ordering attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act as a prevailing party and,

g) granting such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

STANDARD FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF

A temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction are warranted where Petitioner shows likelihood of success on the merits, irreparable harm, a balance of equities in his favor, and that relief serves the public interest.

IRREPARABLE HARM

Petitioner suffers irreparable harm each day he remains confined without lawful authority and without the constitutionally required process. The Second Circuit recognizes that the loss of liberty constitutes irreparable injury as a matter of law. Petitioner also faces the immediate risk of transfer which would frustrate counsel's access and impair the Court's ability to grant effective habeas relief.

LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS

Petitioner is likely to succeed because the record currently reflects a warrantless arrest with no articulated basis and continued detention without any contemporaneous individualized custody determination. New York federal judges have repeatedly granted habeas relief and ordered immediate release when ICE's detention process is defective, and the Government cannot show lawful individualized decision-making. See *Lopez Benitez v. Francis*, No. 25-Civ-5937 (DEH), 2025 WL 2371588 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 13, 2025) (granting habeas petition and ordering release). *Tumba Huamani v. Francis*, No. 25-cv-8110 (LJL), 2025 WL 3079014 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 4, 2025). *Huang v. Almodovar*, No. 25-Civ-9346 (DEH), 2025 WL 3295912 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 26, 2025). *Chipantiza-Sisalema v. Francis* (1:25-cv-05528) (S.D. N.Y. 2025) WL 1927931

BALANCE OF EQUITIES AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST

The equities overwhelmingly favor preventing unconstitutional detention. The public interest is not served by detaining individuals without lawful process and statutory compliance, and it is served by enforcing constitutional and statutory limits on civil immigration enforcement.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Court should grant the emergency Order to Show Cause and a Temporary

Restraining Order. and grant the writ, including ordering immediate release or, at a minimum, compelling a lawful custody determination within 24–48 hours supported by documentary proof and ordering release.

Respectfully submitted,

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