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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ESPERANZA ANGEL PEREZ,
Petitioner,

v.

Christopher LaRose, et al.,
Respondents.

Case No.: 26-cv-1009-BJC-BJW

RESPONSE TO PETITION

Judge: Hon. Benjamin J. Cheeks

Petitioner appears to be a member of the Bond Eligible Class certified in *Maldonado Bautista v. Santacruz*, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-BFM, --- F. Supp. 3d ---, 2025 WL 3288403 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 25, 2025). The *Bautista* court has entered final judgement as to the Bond Eligible Class. *Bautista*, ECF No. 94. Accordingly, Respondents acknowledge that Petitioner is detained under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) and are entitled to an order from this Court directing a bond hearing be held pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).[1]

[1] To the extent the Court issues an order directing a bond hearing under 1226(a), considering heavy caseloads and staffing levels, Respondents respectfully request that such order provide the government 14 days from issuance to hold such bond hearing.

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