IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Byron BARRIOS CABRERA

Petitioner,

Case No._____

: Before the Honorable _____=

JL JAMISON, in his official capacity as warden of Federal Detention Center in Philadelphia; ~~BRIAN MCSHANE, in his official capacity as Acting Philadelphia Field Office Director, United States Immigration and Customs~~ Enforcement; TODD LYONS, in his Official capacity as Acting Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; MARKWAYNE MULLIN, in his official capacity as: Acting Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security; THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY; PAMELA BONDI,: Attorney General of the United States

Respondents.:

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Byron BARRIOS CABRERA, submits this petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2241 and the Suspension Clause (Article l , Section 9, Clause 2)

of the United States Constitution. Petitioner requests that this Court release him from detention by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement

("ICE") or, alternatively, conduct or order a bond hearing in which the Respondents bear the burden of justifying Petitioner's continued detention. Petitioner also requests that the Court set aside recent policies implemented by Respondents that are contrary to the statutory right of non-citizens like Petitioner to seek release and bail through an exercise of the Respondents' discretion.

Mr. Barrios Cabrera is a native of Guatemala and has been physically present in the United States since he crossed the border without inspection in 2017. He was not apprehended at that time. Shortly before that last entry without inspection, he had attempted to enter with a B-1/B-2 tourist visa, and was refused.

On or about March 5, 2026, Mr. Barrios was on his way to work when he noticed several cars following him. He attempted to return to his house, and was apprehended outside of his home. He was apprehended and detained by agents of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and taken initially to the office at 114 North 8th Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was thereafter transferred to the Federal Detention Center, where he is currently located.. Mr. Barrios has no outstanding criminal warrants or convictions, and it is believed that he was taken into custody pursuant to a directive from headquarters setting a specific quota for apprehension. . Respondents arbitrarily detained, Mr. Barrios despite the requirement under 8 U.S.C. 1226(a) and its

implementing regulations that immigration officials make an individualized custody determination. Moreover, Respondents have adopted policies enshrined in administrative decisions by the Board of Immigration Appeals ("BIA") that subject non-citizens like Mr. Barrios to mandatory detention in violation of Section 1226(a).

Mr. Barrios is presently detained at Federal Detention Center in Philadelphia Pennsylvania.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 (habeas corpus); 28 U.S.C. 1651 (All Writs Act); 28 U.S.C. 1331 (federal question); 5 U.S.C. 702 (Administrative Procedures Act); U.S. Const. amend. V (Due Process Clause); and U.S. Const. art. I, 9, cl. 2 (Suspension Clause).

2. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1391(b) and 28 U.S.C. 2241(d), because at the time of filing his Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Doc. l), Mr. Barrios is imprisoned at the Federal Detention Center ("FDC") in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PARTIES

3. Petitioner Byron Barrios Cabrera is a native of Guatemala who has been present in the United States for approximately nine (9) and is the father of a lawful

permanent resident son, his son B[redacted] He is also the father of two other children with Guatemalan citizenship, and is married to a Guatemalan citizen all of whom live in the United States and their current immigration status is unkown. As noted supra, he is detained at the Federal Detention Center in Philadelphia, PA.

4. Respondent JL Jamison is named in his official capacity as the Warden of Federal Detention Facility in Philadelphia, PA, which detains individuals suspected of civil immigration violations. Respondent Jamison is the immediate physical custodian responsible for the detention of Petitioner.

5. Respondent Brian McShane is the Acting Philadelphia Field Office Director for Immigration and Customs Enforcement's ("ICE") Enforcement and Removal Operations. In this capacity he is responsible for the custody of all noncitizens detained by ICE at FDC, Philadelphia, where the Petitioner is currently detained, and has the authority to order the release Barrios or transfer him to a different facility. He is one of Mr. Leiva Pinto's immediate custodians and is sued in his official capacity.

6. Respondent Todd Lyons is the Acting Director of ICE. In this capacity he is responsible for enforcing immigration laws, and as such is a legal custodian of Mr. Barrios. He is sued in his official capacity.

7. Respondent Markwayne Mullin is Acting Secretary of Homeland Security. In this capacity he runs the Department of Homeland Security, and is charged

pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1 103(a)(l) with administering and enforcing immigration laws. He is the ultimate legal custodian of Mr. Barrios, and is sued in his official capacity.

8. The Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") is the agency of the federal government responsible for enforcing the immigration laws. DHS is also Mr. Barrios' legal custodian.

9. Respondent Pamela Bondi is the Attorney General of the United States and the head of the U.S. Department of Justice, which encompasses the Board of Immigration Appeals ("BIA") and immigration courts, known collectively as the Executive Office of Immigration Review ("EOIR"). Ms. Bondi shares responsibility for the implementation and enforcement of immigration laws along with Respondent Noem. Ms. Bondi is a legal custodian of Mr. Barrios. She is sued in her official capacity.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

10. For non-citizens attempting to the enter the United States, the INA provides under 8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(2)(A) that "in the case of [a non-citizen] who is an applicant for admission, if the examining immigration officer determines that an alien seeking admission is not clearly and beyond a doubt entitled to be admitted, the alien shall be detained." "A noncitizen detained under Section 1225(b)(2) may be released only if he is paroled 'for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit' pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)(A)." Gomes v. Hyde, 25 Civ. 11571, 2025 WL

1868288, at *2 (D. Mass. July 7, 2025) (quoting Jennings v. Rodriguez, 583 U.S. 281, 300 (2018)).

11. In contrast, the Supreme Court has found that "U.S. immigration law authorizes the Government to detain certain [non-citizens] already in the country pending the outcome of removal proceedings under 1226(a) and (c)."

Jennings, 583 U.S. at 288-89.

12. Section 236 of the INA provides in relevant part as follows:

> (a) Arrest Detention and Release. On a warrant issued by the Attorney General, an alien may be arrested and detained pending a decision on whether the alien is to be removed from the United States. Except as provided in subsection (c) and pending such decision, the Attorney General—
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> (l) may continue to detain the arrested alien; and
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> (2) may release the alien on—
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> (A) bond of at least $1 ,500 with security approved by, and containing conditions prescribed by, the Attorney General; or (B) conditional parole ...

13. The Supreme Court has interpreted similar "may" language in other provisions of the INA to require "some level of individualized determination." I.N.S. v. Nat'l Ctr. For Immigrants ' Rights, 502 U.S. 183, 194 (1991). The regulation implementing Respondents' authority to arrest non-citizens present in the United States reads:

> "Any officer authorized to issue a warrant ofarrest may, in the officer's discretion, release an alien not described in [8 U.S.C. §

> 1236(c)(l)] of the Act, under the conditions at section [8 U.S.C. § 1236(a)(2) and (3)]; provided that the alien must demonstrate to the satisfaction ofthe officer that such release would not pose a danger to property or persons, and that the alien is likely to appearfor any future proceeding..,
>
> 8 U.S.C.1236.1

14. Noncitizens may request a review of an initial custody determination before an Immigration Judge ("IJ"). 8 C.F.R. 1236. I (d)(l); 8 C.F.R. § 1002.19(a). At this hearing an IJ may make the decision "upon any information that is available to the [Immigration Judge] or that is presented to him or her by the [non-citizen] or the [government]." 8 C.F.R. 1003.19(d)•, see also Matter of Guerra, 24 1&N Dec. 37, 39 (BIA 2006). Non-citizens may appeal a negative decision in a custody review before an IJ to the Board of Immigration Appeals. 8 C.F.R. 1236. I(d)(3)(i). The current statutory scheme was created through the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 ("IIRIRA").

15. For the first time in nearly three decades, Respondents have taken the position through a series of precedential decisions by the Board of Immigration Appeals that non-citizens residing in the interior of the United States are not entitled to a custody redetermination (a "bond hearing") before an Immigration Judge.

16. First, in Matter of Q. Li, 29 Dec. 66 (BIA 2025), the BIA held that a non-citizen who had been apprehended at the border and subsequently released into the United States is subject to mandatory detention without a possibility of bail upon

re-detention, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1225(b), even if that re-detention occurs years after their initial release from custody. The BIA reasoned that "an applicant for admission who is arrested and detained without a warrant while in the process of arriving in the United States, whether or not at a port of entry, and subsequently placed in removal proceedings is detained under section [1225(b)] [J, and is ineligible for any subsequent release on bond under section [1226(a)]." Q. Li,

29 Dec. at 74.

17. Then in Matter of Yajure Hurtado, 29 1&N Dec. 216 (BIA 2025), the BIA stated that all non-citizens who are present in the United States without admission are subject to mandatory detention under Section 1225(b), regardless of how long they have been residing in the U.S. and absent any prior interaction with immigration authorities.

FACTS AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

1 8. Mr. Barrios is a native of Guatemala;

19. At some point in the year 2017, Mr. Barrios entered the United States via the US Border and was not encountered by agents of the Department of Homeland Security.

20. Prior to March 5, 2026, Mr. Barrios had never had any contact with agents of the Department of Homeland Security;

21. Mr. Barrios settled into Pennsylvania, where he has been living with his family at the following address: [redacted]

22. Mr. Barrios would be eligible for asylum, withholding of removal or withholding under the Convention Against Torture, as he was [redacted]

23. As noted supra, on or about March 5, 2026 Mr. Barrios was on his way to work when he noticed several cars following him. He attempted to return to his house, and was apprehended outside of his home. He was apprehended and detained by agents of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and taken initially to the office at 114 North 8th Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was thereafter transferred to the Federal Detention Center, where he is currently located..

CLAIM FOR RELIEF

COUNT ONE VIOLATION

OF DUE PROCESS, U.S.

CONST. AMEND. V

24. Petitioner repeats and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

25. The Fifth Amendment's Due Process Clause prevents the Government from depriving any person of "life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." U.S. Const. amend. V.

26. The Due Process Clause extends to noncitizens residing in the United States, whether they have lawful status or not. See Mathews v. Diaz, 426 U.S. 67, 77 (1976); Zadvydas v. Davis, 533 U.S. 678, 693 (2001). Specifically, "[i]t is well established that the Fifth Amendment entitles [non-citizens] to due process of law in deportation proceedings. Reno v. Flores, 507 U.S. 292, 306 (1993); see also Abdulai v. Ashcroft, 239 F.3d 542, 549 (3d Cir. 2001) ("[Non-citizens] facing removal are entitled to due process"); Calderon-Rosas v. Atty ' Gen., 957 F.3d 378, 386 (3d Cir. 2020) ("In sum, petitioners seeking discretionary relief are entitled to fundamentally fair removal proceedings, which constitutes a protected interest supporting a due process claim.").

27. Evaluating the adequacy of the process provided to a non-citizen requires a balancing of factors. "First, the private interest that will be affected by the official action; second, the risk of an erroneous deprivation of such interest through the procedures used, and the probable value, if any, of additional or substitute procedural safeguards; and finally, the Government's interest, including the function involved and

the fiscal and administrative burdens that the additional or substitute procedural requirement would entail." Mathews v. Eldridge, 424 U.S.

319, 335 (1976).

28. First, Mr. Barrios faces "the most significant liberty interest there is—the interest in being free from imprisonment." Velasco Lopez v. Decker, 978 F.3d 842, 851 (2d Cir. 2020) (citing Hamdi v. Rumsfeld, 542 U.S. 507, 529 (2004)). Second, Respondents have erroneously deprived Mr. Leiva Pinto of his liberty without any individualized assessment of his circumstances. Third, Respondents did not make any individualized finding that Mr. Barrios was a danger or flight risk, so there does not appear to be a significant government interest in detaining Mr. Leiva Pinto;

29. An application of these factors requires that Mr. Barrios should have been provided with additional process before being detained.

COUNT TWO

VIOLATION OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT, 8 U.S.C. 12260)

3 1 . Petitioner repeats and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

32. The mandatory detention provision at 8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(2) does not apply to all noncitizens residing in the United States who are subject to grounds of inadmissibility. As, relevant here, it does not apply to those who have been residing in the United States at liberty after being briefly detained at or near the border. Such noncitizens, if detained, are done so under 1226(a), and are generally eligible release on bond.

33. Respondents' authority to detain Mr. Barrios is derived from 8 U.S.C. 1226(a) as Mr. Barrios is already present in the United States.

34. Respondents have detained Mr. Barrios without making an individualized determination regarding whether he posed a danger or flight risk as required by 8 U.S.C. 1226(a) and its regulations.

35. Moreover, Respondents' current policies as set forth in the BIA's decisions in Matter of Q. Li and Matter of Yajure Hurtado unlawfully prevent Mr. Barrios from obtaining a custody redetermination in front of an Immigration Judge as is his right by statute.

COUNT THREE

VIOLATION OF THE BOND REGULATIONS, 8 C.F.R. 236.1, 1236.1 and 1003.19

36. Petitioner repeats and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

37. In 1997, after Congress amended the INA through IIRIRA, EOIR the then-Immigration and Naturalization Service issued an interim rule to interpret and apply IIRIRA. Specifically, under the heading of "Apprehension, Custody, and Detention of [Non-citizens]," the agencies explained that "[d]espite being applicants for admission, [noncitizens] who are present without having been admitted or paroled (formerly referred to as [noncitizens] who entered without inspection) will be eligible for bond and bond redetermination. " 62 Fed. Reg. at 10323 (emphasis added). Thus, the agencies made clear that non-citizens present in the United States would be eligible for consideration for bond and bond hearings before IJs under 8 U.S.C. 1226 and its implementing regulations.

38. Yet, Respondents have adopted a policy and practice of applying § 1225(b)(2) to non-citizens like Mr. Barrios who are present in the United States without being admitted or paroled.

39. The application of 1225(b)(2) to Mr. Barrios unlawfully mandates his continued detention in violation of 8 C.F.R. 236. 1, 1236.1, and 1003.19.

COUNT FOUR

VIOLATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT ("APA"), 5 U.S.C. 701, et. seq.

40. Petitioner repeats and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

41. Mr. Barrios is aggrieved by agency action under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 701 et. seq. Specifically, Respondents have acted arbitrarily in detaining Mr. Barrios without conducting an individualized determination into his circumstances. In other words, Respondents have not presented any indication that Mr. Barrios' circumstances have changed such that he is now a danger or flight risk in a way that he was not when he entered the country in 2023.

42. Additionally, Respondents' recent policies announced through administrative decisions issued by the BIA unlawfully withhold the right to a bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. 1226(a) to Mr. Barrios, and make any exhaustion of his remedies moot.

43. These policies are arbitrary, capricious, and not in accordance with the text of the INA.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this Court grant the following relief:

Issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus ordering Respondents to release Petitioner from custody immediately on his own recognizance or under parole, bond or reasonable conditions of supervision, on the ground that his continued detention by the Department of Homeland Security violates his Due Process rights;

Set aside Respondents' unlawful detention policy contained Matter of Q. Li and Matter of Yajure Hurtado under the APA, 5 U.S.C. 706(2), as contrary to law, arbitrary and capricious, and contrary to constitutional right;

Issue a writ requiring an immediate, constitutionally adequate hearing before an Immigration Judge, at which: (i) DHS bears the burden to demonstrate, by clear and convincing evidence, that Petitioner's continued detention is necessary, and (ii) the immigration judge considers Petitioner's ability to pay a bond.

While this petition is pending, order Petitioner's immediate release pursuant to the Court's inherent authority to release habeas corpus petitioners on bail;

Enter a judgment declaring that Respondents' detention of Petitioner is unauthorized by statute and contrary to law and the U.S. Constitution;

Award Petitioner reasonable costs and attorneys' fees;

Grant any further relief that this Court may deem fit and proper.

Dated: March 5, 2026

Respectfully submitted,



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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

BYRON BARRIOS CABRERA

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff PHILADELPHIA
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys *(Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)*

CHRISTINE FLOWERS, ESQUIRE
JOSEPH M ROLLO AND ASSOCIATES PC

DEFENDANTS

JL JAMISON, PAMELA BONDI, TODD LYONS, BRIAN MCSHANE, MARKWAYNE MULLIN

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant PHILADELPHIA
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys *(If Known)*

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION *(Place an "X" in One Box Only)*

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☐ 3 Federal Question *(U.S. Government Not a Party)*
- ☒ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 4 Diversity *(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)*

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES *(Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)*
(For Diversity Cases Only)

	PTF	DEF		PTF	DEF
Citizen of This State	☐ 1	☐ 1	Incorporated *or* Principal Place of Business In This State	☐ 4	☐ 4
Citizen of Another State	☐ 2	☐ 2	Incorporated *and* Principal Place of Business In Another State	☐ 5	☐ 5
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- ☐ 190 Other Contract
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REAL PROPERTY
- ☐ 210 Land Condemnation
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- ☐ 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment
- ☐ 240 Torts to Land
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- ☐ 310 Airplane
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- ☐ 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881
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- ☐ 862 Black Lung (923)
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VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing *(Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity)*:
28 USC 2241

Brief description of cause:
PETITION FOR HABEAS CORPUS

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND $

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY *(See instructions)*

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DATE
03/06/2026

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD
Christine M. Flowers

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

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I.(a) **Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

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(c) **Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

II. **Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.
United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
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III. **Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

IV. **Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.

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VI. **Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service.

VII. **Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.
Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. **Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related cases, if any. If there are related cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

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