UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of Michigan

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
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HAO TAN

Petitioner

v.

KIMBERLY BALL, in her official capacity as Warden of the North Lake Processing Center

Respondent
(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

Case No. _____ *(Supplied by*

1:26-cv-778
Paul L. Maloney- U.S. District Judge
Maarten Vermaat - Magistrate Judge

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241

Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: HAO TAN
   (b) Other names you have used: n/a
2. Place of confinement:
   (a) Name of institution: North Lake Correctional Facility
   (b) Address: 1805 West 32nd Street
   Baldwin, MI 49304
   (c) Your identification number: A[redacted]
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
   ☑ Federal authorities ☐ State authorities ☐ Other - explain:
   Immigration Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.)
4. Are you currently:
   ☐ A pretrial detainee (waiting for trial on criminal charges)
   ☐ Serving a sentence (incarceration, parole, probation, etc.) after having been convicted of a crime
   If you are currently serving a sentence, provide:
   (a) Name and location of court that sentenced you: _____
   (b) Docket number of criminal case: _____
   (c) Date of sentencing: _____
   ☑ Being held on an immigration charge
   ☐ Other *(explain)*: _____

Decision or Action You Are Challenging

5. What are you challenging in this petition:
   ☐ How your sentence is being carried out, calculated, or credited by prison or parole authorities (for example, revocation or calculation of good time credits)

☐ Pretrial detention
☑ Immigration detention
☐ Detainer
☐ The validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed (for example, sentence beyond the statutory maximum or improperly calculated under the sentencing guidelines)
☐ Disciplinary proceedings
☐ Other *(explain)*:

6. Provide more information about the decision or action you are challenging:

(a) Name and location of the agency or court: Immigration Customs Enforcement part of the Department of Homeland Security; Immigration Court in Detroit, MI

(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: A [redacted]

(c) Decision or action you are challenging *(for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed)*:
I.C.E. detained me at a commercial truck driver check point without a warrant.
Immigration Judge denied me bond on the grounds that I am am flight risk arbitrarily and capriciously

(d) Date of the decision or action: 10/27/2025

Your Earlier Challenges of the Decision or Action

7. **First appeal**

Did you appeal the decision, file a grievance, or seek an administrative remedy?

☐ Yes ☑ No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court:

(2) Date of filing:

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number:

(4) Result:

(5) Date of result:

(6) Issues raised:

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not appeal: BIA appeal of the Immigration Judge's decision takes too long. No way to appeal ICE detention decision.

8. **Second appeal**

After the first appeal, did you file a second appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

☐ Yes ☑ No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court:

(2) Date of filing:

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number:

(4) Result:

(5) Date of result:

(6) Issues raised:

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a second appeal: BIA appeal of the Immigration Judge's takes too long. No way to appeal ICE detention decision.

9. **Third appeal**

After the second appeal, did you file a third appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

☐ Yes ☑ No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court:

(2) Date of filing:

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number:

(4) Result:

(5) Date of result:

(6) Issues raised:

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a third appeal: BIA appeal of the Immigration Judge's takes too long. No way to appeal ICE detention decision.

10. **Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255**

In this petition, are you challenging the validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," answer the following:

(a) Have you already filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 that challenged this conviction or sentence?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court:

(2) Case number:

(3) Date of filing:

(4) Result:

(5) Date of result:

(6) Issues raised:

(b) Have you ever filed a motion in a United States Court of Appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), seeking permission to file a second or successive Section 2255 motion to challenge this conviction or sentence?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court:

(2) Case number:

(3) Date of filing:

(4) Result:

(5) Date of result:

(6) Issues raised:

(c) Explain why the remedy under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is inadequate or ineffective to challenge your conviction or sentence: There is no conviction or sentence to appeal

11. **Appeals of immigration proceedings**

Does this case concern immigration proceedings?

☑ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Date you were taken into immigration custody: 10/27/2025

(b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order:

(c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Date of filing:

(2) Case number:

(3) Result:

(4) Date of result:

(5) Issues raised:

(d) Did you appeal the decision to the United States Court of Appeals?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court:

(2) Date of filing:

(3) Case number:

(4) Result:

(5) Date of result:

(6) Issues raised:

12. **Other appeals**

Other than the appeals you listed above, have you filed any other petition, application, or motion about the issues raised in this petition?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Kind of petition, motion, or application:

(b) Name of the authority, agency, or court:

(c) Date of filing:

(d) Docket number, case number, or opinion number:

(e) Result:

(f) Date of result:

(g) Issues raised:

Grounds for Your Challenge in This Petition

13. State every ground (reason) that supports your claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground. Any legal arguments must be submitted in a separate memorandum.

GROUND ONE: There was no administrative warrant (or any other warrant) authorizing my detention.

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

I entered the U.S. in 2014 pursuant to a visa. I timely filed for asylum. I attended an interview at USCIS and I appeared at all Immigration Court hearings. An immigration Judge denied my application on Feb 24, 2025, but I timely filed an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals on 3/17/25. I have work authorization, a business, a fixed abode and no criminal history whatsoever. I was detained by ICE while driving my commercial truck cross country country. I also have a USC fiance and we had plans to get married.

(b) Did you present Ground One in all appeals that were available to you?

☑ Yes ☐ No

GROUND TWO: An Immigration Judge denied me bond saying I was a flight risk. This decision is arbitrary and capricious and completely unsupported by any facts known to the Court. I don't understand the Judge's decision.

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

The government knows that I entered the US lawfully over ten years ago, timely filed for asylum and have complied with all immigration laws. I have a pending appeal, work authorization and no criminal history. At the the bond hearing, I told the Judge I have my own business, a USC fiance and have fully complied with all immigration laws. There is absolutely no basis to conclude I am a flight risk.

(b) Did you present Ground Two in all appeals that were available to you?

☐ Yes ☑ No

GROUND THREE:

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

(b) Did you present Ground Three in all appeals that were available to you?

☐ Yes ☐ No

GROUND FOUR:

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

(b) Did you present Ground Four in all appeals that were available to you?

❒ Yes ❒ No

14. If there are any grounds that you did not present in all appeals that were available to you, explain why you did not: Appealing bond denial to the BIA takes years. I tried to file another bond motion, but the Court keeps rejecting my motions.

Request for Relief

15. State exactly what you want the court to do: I want to be released from detention.

Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

If you are incarcerated, on what date did you place this petition in the prison mail system:

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the petitioner, I have read this petition or had it read to me, and the information in this petition is true and correct. I understand that a false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution for perjury.

Date: 03/04/2026

/s/ Hao Tan

Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any