UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOHNATAN DAVID ESPINOSA ISAZA, [redacted]

Petitioner,

v.

DIRECTOR, OTAY MESA DETENTION CENTER, et al.,

Respondents.

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PETITIONER'S REPLY TO RESPONDENTS' RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Petitioner Johnatan David Espinosa Isaza respectfully submits this Reply in response to Respondents' filing and states as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

Petitioner appreciates the Court's consideration of this matter and respectfully submits that the facts and circumstances of his case support relief from his continued detention.

Petitioner notes that Respondents acknowledge that this Court and other courts within this District have repeatedly reached conclusions contrary to the Government's position in similar cases and further acknowledge that the facts presented here are not materially distinguishable from those prior cases.

II. PETITIONER'S INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Prior to his detention, Petitioner had been physically present in the United States since approximately November 2021.

Before being detained, Petitioner had already filed an asylum application and maintained an active immigration process. He also possessed employment authorization and openly resided in the United States.

Petitioner was not a newly arriving individual seeking admission at the time of detention. Rather, he had already established significant ties within the United States, including family, employment history, and community connections.

Petitioner is the father of a four-year-old United States citizen child and served as the primary financial provider for his family before detention.

His continued detention has imposed significant hardship upon his child and family, who depend upon his emotional, parental, and financial support.

The prolonged separation has negatively affected the stability and well-being of Petitioner's household.

III. CONTINUED DETENTION IS NOT WARRANTED

Petitioner respectfully submits that continued detention is unnecessary and that the record demonstrates substantial ties to the community, family responsibilities, and a history of compliance with immigration proceedings.

Petitioner respectfully maintains that the issues raised in the Petition warrant meaningful judicial review and appropriate relief.

IV. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court grant such relief as it deems just and appropriate under the circumstances.

Petitioner respectfully requests consideration of release, release under appropriate conditions or supervision, parole, recognition on his own recognizance, or any other lawful form of custody redetermination that the Court determines is proper.

In the alternative, should the Court determine that additional custody review is necessary, Petitioner respectfully requests that any such review be conducted as promptly as practicable.

Petitioner further requests that any relief ordered by the Court be implemented without unnecessary delay in light of the ongoing hardship suffered by his United States citizen child and family.

V. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant the Petition and provide such relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Espinoza

JOHNATAN DAVID ESPINOSA ISAZA A# [redacted] Pro Se Otay Mesa Detention Center

06-23-2026

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Johnatan David Espinosa Isaza, A# [redacted], hereby certify that on this 23 day of June, 2026, I placed a true and correct copy of Petitioner's Reply to Respondents' Response to Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus in the institutional mail system for service by U.S. Mail upon:

United States Attorney's Office Southern District of California 880 Front Street, Room 6293 San Diego, CA 92101

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Johnatan Espinoza

Johnatan David Espinosa Isaza A# [redacted] Pro Se Otay Mesa Detention Center

Date : 06-23-2026