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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 LUZ ADRIANA MENDEZ RIOS,
11 Petitioner,

12 v.

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14 WARDEN OF IMPERIAL REGIONAL
FACILITY, *et al.*

15 Respondents.
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Case No.: 26cv03581 LL MMP
RESPONSE TO PETITION

18 Petitioner appears to be a member of the Bond Eligible Class certified in *Maldonado*
19 *Bautista v. Santacruz*, 813 F. Supp. 3d 1084 (C.D. Cal. 2025). The Ninth Circuit has stayed
20 application of the Order beyond the Central District of California. However, Respondents
21 acknowledge the prior orders from this District directing bond hearings pursuant to 8
22 U.S.C. § 1226(a) in similar cases.¹ Respondents therefore do not oppose an order from this
23 Court directing a bond hearing be held pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).²

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

27 ² The Ninth Circuit has confirmed that at a bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), the
28 burden is on the detainee to demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that he is
not a flight risk or danger to the community. *See Rodriguez Diaz v. Garland*, 53 F.4th

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28 1189, 1197 (9th Cir. 2022); *see also* *Dos Santos v. Becerra*, No. 26-cv-01423-GPC-VET,
2026 WL 800201 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 23, 2026).