ADAM GORDON
United States Attorney
JACOB T. METZGER
Special Assistant U.S. Attorney
Ohio State Bar No. 104783
Office of the U.S. Attorney
880 Front Street, Room 6293
San Diego, CA 92101-8893
Telephone: (619) 546-8693
Mobile: (619) 885-2119
Facsimile: (619) 546-7751
Email: jacob.metzger@usdoj.gov

Attorneys for Respondents

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HAITAO LIU, Petitioner, v. MARKWAYNE MULLIN, *et al.*, Respondents.	Case No.: 26-cv-03788-RFL-GC **RETURN TO PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS**

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

[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.

Court directing a bond hearing be held pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).[2]

DATED: July 2, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM GORDON
United States Attorney

s/ Jacob T. Metzger
JACOB T. METZGER
Special Assistant U.S. Attorney
Attorney for Respondents

[2] The Ninth Circuit has confirmed that at a bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), the 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 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).