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

Gul Naz Akbari

Petitioner,

v.

Warden of California City Detention Facility

Respondent.

1:26CV07992 DC-SCR

Case No. _____

MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

I, Gul Naz Akbari, Petitioner in the above action, respectfully request the appointment of counsel. In support of this motion, I declare the following:

1. I am currently detained.
2. I am concurrently filing a petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 challenging my detention. The petition sets forth my eligibility for relief.
3. I am concurrently filing an Application to Proceed in District Court without Prepaying Fees or Costs (Form AO240).
4. I cannot afford to hire a lawyer. I have provided details about my financial situation in my Application to Proceed in District Court without Prepaying Fees or Costs.
5. I have been unable to find a lawyer despite my efforts. I have tried to contact 3 lawyers.

6. It would be difficult for me to proceed without a lawyer. English is not my first language. I have not graduated from a university. I am not familiar with the U.S. legal system. Immigration detention is a complex area of law. It is difficult for me to learn the law because I have limited access to information while detained. It is hard for me to prepare legal filings in detention. It is hard for me to contact family or friends outside my detention center to ask them to help me.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date 9/17/2026

Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]

Gul Naz Akbari