

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
EL PASO DIVISION**

**ARMANDO BLANDON RAUDEZ,**  
**Petitioner,**

v.

**PAM BONDI,** *Attorney General of the  
United States, et al.,*  
**Respondents.**

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**EP-25-CV-00493-DB**

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

On this day, the Court considered the above-captioned case. On October 15, 2025, Petitioner Armando Blandon Raudez filed a “Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus,” ECF No. 1. On October 24, 2025, the case was transferred from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. See Minute Entry, ECF No. 5.<sup>1</sup> In his Petition, Petitioner asks this Court to “(1) [a]ssume jurisdiction over this matter; (2) [i]ssue an Order to Show Cause ordering Respondents to show cause why this Petition should not be granted within three days, (3) [d]eclare that the Petitioner’s detention and scheduled deportation violates the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment, 8 U.S.C. § §1231(b)(2). (4) [i]ssue a Writ of Habeas Corpus ordering Respondents to pause the schedule deportation of Mr. Blandon and release Petitioner immediately, and (5) [g]rant any further relief this Court deems just and proper.” *Id.* at 7–8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §

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<sup>1</sup> (“When this case was filed, the ICE inmate locator webpage showed that Petitioner was detained at the ICE East Montana camp, which is located in El Paso, Texas. As of 10/24/25, the ICE inmate locator webpage shows that Petitioner remains detained at that location. El Paso, Texas is located in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, El Paso Division. 28 U.S.C. 124(d)(3). Petitioner was thus detained in the judicial district for the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas when this case was filed and remains detained there. The Court previously directed Petitioner to show cause by 10/23/25 why this case should not be transferred to the Texas federal court. Petitioner filed no response by that deadline. Therefore, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1631, the Clerk is directed to transfer this matter forthwith to the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas. Civil case terminated in this district.”).

2243, “[a] court. . . entertaining an application for a writ of habeas corpus shall forthwith award the writ or issue an order directing the respondent to show cause why the writ should not be granted.”

Further, in the interest of preserving the status quo and the Court’s ability to fully assess this case on the merits, the Court orders that Petitioner not be removed from the United States or to a facility outside the jurisdiction of the Western District of Texas – El Paso Division. *See United States v. United Mine Workers of Am.*, 330 U.S. 258, 293 (1947) (“[T]he District Court had the power to preserve existing conditions while it was determining its own authority to grant injunctive relief.”); *cf. Brownback v. King*, 592 U.S. 209, 218-19 (2021). This is not to be construed as a temporary restraining order but rather an exercise of the Court’s inherent power to preserve its ability to hear the case. *See Santiago v. Noem*, No. 3-25-CV-361-KC, 2025 WL 2606118, at \*2–3 (W.D. Tex. Sept. 9, 2025) (collecting cases).

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondents **SHALL NOT** (1) remove or deport Armando Blandon Raudez from the United States, or (2) transfer Armando Blandon Raudez to any facility outside the boundaries of the El Paso Division of the Western District of Texas, until the Court orders otherwise or this case is closed.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondents Pam Bondi, Kristi Noem, Todd M. Lyons, and Russell Hott **SHOW CAUSE** why such writ should not be granted by filing a response no later **no later than Friday, October 31, 2025**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that should Petitioner wish to file a reply, Petitioner shall file a reply **no later than Tuesday, November 4, 2025**.

**IT IS FINALLY ORDERED** that this matter **SHALL BE SET** for a hearing on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 3:00 PM MDT. An order setting this hearing is forthcoming.

**SIGNED** this **28th** day of **October 2025**.

  
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**THE HONORABLE DAVID BRIONES**  
**SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**