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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HENRY YONEL YANEZ OCHOA,  
Petitioner,  
v.  
TODD LYONS, ACTING DIRECTOR,  
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS  
ENFORCEMENT, ET AL.,  
Respondents.

Case No.: 26cv1019-LL-BLM

**ORDER REQUIRING RESPONSE  
TO PETITION AND SETTING  
BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

Petitioner Henry Yonel Yanez Ochoa is currently detained in the custody of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. On February 18, 2026, he filed a Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. ECF No. 1 (“Pet.”). Petitioner seeks a writ of habeas corpus directing Respondents to release him from custody unless he is provided with an individualized bond hearing within seven days. Pet. ¶ 7. The Court finds it necessary to order a limited stay pursuant to the All Writs Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1651, to preserve the status quo until the Court can provide a reasoned decision,

1 in order to avoid any potential jurisdictional problems if Petitioner is removed from this  
2 district.<sup>1</sup> *See E-C-R- v. Noem*, No. 3:25-CV-1230-SI, 2025 WL 2300543, at \*1 & n.1 (D.  
3 Or. July 16, 2025) (“Courts around the country exercise their authority under the All Writs  
4 Act to maintain their jurisdiction over pending immigration matters by preserving the status  
5 quo.” (collecting cases)).

6 Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** the following:

7 1. Respondents are **ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE** why the Petition should not  
8 be granted by filing a written Return on or before **February 24, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.** The  
9 Return shall include any documents relevant to the determination of the issues raised in the  
10 Petition. Respondents shall serve a copy of the Return upon Petitioner concurrently with  
11 the filing.

12 2. Petitioner may, but is not required, to reply to the Response in Opposition to  
13 the Petition by filing a Traverse on or before **March 2, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.**

14 3. After briefing is complete, the Court will take the matter under submission  
15 and without oral argument pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7.1(d)(1), unless the parties are  
16 notified otherwise.

17 4. Respondents, their agents, employees, successors, attorneys, and all persons  
18 acting in active concert or participation with them are hereby **ENJOINED** from removing  
19 Petitioner from the United States or this district pending further order of the Court,  
20 to maintain the status quo to allow the Court to provide a reasoned decision.

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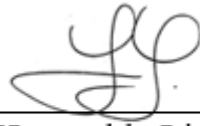
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27 <sup>1</sup> Under the All Writs Act, “all courts established by an Act of Congress may issue all writs  
28 necessary or appropriate in aid of their respective jurisdictions and agreeable to the usages  
and principles of law.” 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a).

1           5.     The Clerk of Court shall transmit a copy of this Order and the Petition [ECF  
2 No. 1] to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California.

3           **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

4 Dated: February 18, 2026



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6 Honorable Linda Lopez  
7 United States District Judge

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