

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

ALEX P.G.T.,

Petitioner,

Civil No. 26-1892 (JRT/DJF)

v.

PAMELA BONDI, *United States Attorney
General*;

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY;

ORDER

TODD M. LYONS, *Acting Director,
Immigration and Customs Enforcement*;

DAVID EASTERWOOD, *Acting Director, St.
Paul Field Office Immigration and Customs
Enforcement*;

Respondents.

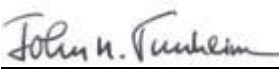
Based on all the files, records, and proceedings herein, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**
that:

1. If Petitioner is being detained in Minnesota, Respondents are **ENJOINED** from removing, transferring, or otherwise facilitating the removal of Petitioner from the District of Minnesota until the Court issues an order on the pending Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Docket No. [1]).

- a. Respondents may request permission from the Court to move Petitioner if unforeseen or emergency circumstances arise which require Petitioner to be removed from the District. Any such request must include an explanation for the request as well as a proposed destination. The Court will then determine whether to grant the request and permit transfer of Petitioner.
 - b. If Petitioner has already been removed from Minnesota, Respondents are **ORDERED** to immediately return Petitioner to Minnesota.
2. Respondents are directed to file an answer to the petition for a writ of habeas corpus of Petitioner Alex P.G.T. by **no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 19, 2026**, certifying the true cause and proper duration of Petitioner's confinement and showing cause why the writ should not be granted in this case.
3. Respondents' answer should include:
 - a. Such affidavits and exhibits as are needed to establish the lawfulness and correct duration of Petitioner's detention in light of the issues raised in the habeas petition;
 - b. A reasoned memorandum of law and fact explaining Respondents' legal position on Petitioner's claims;

- c. Respondents' recommendation on whether an evidentiary hearing should be conducted;
 - d. Respondents' view as to whether—and if so, why—this matter is materially distinguishable, either factually or legally, from *Avila v. Bondi*, Civil No. 25-CV-3741 (JRT/SGE), 2025 WL 2976539 (D. Minn. Oct. 21, 2025); and
 - e. Whether the absence of a warrant preceding Petitioner's arrest necessitates Petitioner's immediate release. *See e.g., Ahmed M. v. Bondi*, No. 25-4711, 2026 WL 25627, at *3 (D. Minn. Jan. 5, 2026).
4. If Petitioner intends to file a reply to Respondents' answer, she must do so by **no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2026**. Thereafter, no further submissions from either party will be permitted, except as authorized by Court order.

DATED: March 17, 2026
at Minneapolis, Minnesota.


JOHN R. TUNHEIM
United States District Judge