

**ENTERED**

January 12, 2026

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

**1/12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

YEXZELIN YOENNY PEREZ	§	CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
DE RONDON,	§	4:26-cv-00188
Petitioner,	§	
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versus	§	JUDGE CHARLES ESKRIDGE
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KRISTI NOEM, <i>et al</i> ,	§	
Respondents.	§	

**ORDER**

Petitioner Yexzelin Yoenny Perez De Rondon filed a petition for writ of *habeas corpus* on January 10, 2026. Dkt 1. She asserts that her detention under 8 USC §1225(b) is unlawful and that she should instead be detained, if at all, under 8 USC §1226(a), which may entitle her to a bond hearing. Id at ¶5.

Petitioner alleges violations of (i) 8 USC §1226(a) and INA regulations, (ii) bond regulations, and (iii) the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment. Id at ¶¶40–52. Among other relief, she seeks a writ of *habeas corpus* directing Respondents to immediately release her or, in the alternative, provide her a bond hearing pursuant to 8 USC §1226(a). Id at 18 ¶3.

To the extent Petitioner requests immediate release prior to service of Respondents, it is DENIED.

The undersigned has previously determined that the Government may properly apply 8 USC §1225(b)(2)(A) in these circumstances. See *Montoya Cabanas v Bondi*, 2025 WL 3171331 (SD Tex); *Maceda Jimenez v Thompson*, 2025 WL 3265493 (SD Tex); see also *Montelongo Zuniga v Lyons*, 2025 WL 3755126 (ND Tex) (Hendrix, J). Such

determination would appear to dispose of all contentions in the petition, absent distinguishing facts or other legal authority that causes reconsideration.

That said, and though not requested, Petitioner is entitled to a show-cause order pursuant to 28 USC §2243.

Respondents are thus ORDERED to show cause with a filing that establishes the propriety of Petitioner's continued detention. Such filing must be made by January 19, 2026, absent extension.


Petitioner may file any reply by January 22, 2026.

Hearing will be set if determined necessary after briefing closes. But a hearing will be set upon affirmative request by either party, either by Zoom or in person.

It is ORDERED that the Clerk will email this order to USATXS.CivilNotice@usdoj.gov to provide notice of this action to Respondents. Such service doesn't substitute for the requirements of formal service but is instead intended only to provide the Government notice and an opportunity to be heard at this initial juncture.

SO ORDERED.

Signed on January 12, 2026, at Houston, Texas.

  
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Honorable Charles Eskridge  
United States District Judge