

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Erfan Eftekhari v. Jeremy Casey, Facility Administrator at the Imperial Regional Detention Facility, Gregory J. Archambeault, Director of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement San Diego Field Office, Todd Lyons, Acting Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Kristi Noem, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and Pam Bondi, U.S. Attorney General

Eftekhari · No. 25-cv-3245-JES-MSB · Decided November 25, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of California ordered the respondents to show cause why Erfan Eftekhari’s petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 should not be granted. The court set a briefing schedule and stayed Eftekhari’s removal from the district pending further order to preserve jurisdiction.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	James E. Simmons Jr.
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of California
DECIDED	November 25, 2025
DOCKET	25-cv-3245-JES-MSB
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 challenging his detention or removal-related custody. The petition was transferred to the Southern District of California, which issued an order to show cause, established a briefing schedule, and temporarily barred removal from the district pending further order.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; interlocutory district court order

PARTIES

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether respondents should be required to show cause why the § 2241 habeas petition should not be granted.
2. Whether the court should temporarily prevent petitioner's removal from the district to preserve jurisdiction while the habeas petition was pending.

HOLDINGS

1. The court required respondents to show cause why the petition should not be granted, to file relevant documents, and to address whether an evidentiary hearing was necessary.
2. The court ordered that petitioner not be removed from the Southern District of California unless and until the court ordered otherwise, pending resolution of the habeas matter.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"To preserve the Court's jurisdiction pending a ruling in this matter, Petitioner shall not be removed from this District unless and until the Court orders otherwise." (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Erfan Eftekhari was in immigration custody at the Imperial Regional Detention Facility and filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The petition was transferred to the Southern District of California while removal apparently remained a possibility. The court restricted removal from the district temporarily so that it could preserve jurisdiction while considering the petition.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Eftekhari filed the § 2241 petition on November 21, 2025, and the matter was transferred to the court on November 24, 2025. The court ordered respondents to show cause by December 1, 2025, permitted an optional traverse by December 2, 2025, and deferred a determination regarding submission or oral argument until briefing

was complete. To preserve jurisdiction, the court ordered that petitioner not be removed from the district unless and until the court ordered otherwise.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Doe v. Bondi, Case No. 25-cv-805-BJC-JLB, 2025 WL 1870979, at *2 (S.D. Cal. June 11, 2025)
- A.M. v. LaRose et al., 25-cv-01412, ECF No. 2 (S.D. Cal. June 4, 2025)
- A.A.R.P. v. Trump, 605 U.S. 91, 97 (2025)
- Nguyen v. Scott, No. 2:25-CV-01398, 2025 WL 2097979, at *3 (W.D. Wash. July 25, 2025)

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