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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

ALI KHOSHBAKHTI VAYEGHAN,

Petitioner,

v.

JOHN F. KELLY, Department of  
Homeland Security, et al.,

Respondents.

Case No. CV 17-0702

**TEMPORARY RESTRAINING  
ORDER [AMENDED and  
CORRECTED]**

On January 28, 2017, Petitioner Ali Khoshbakhti Vayeghan filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, a proposed Order to Show Cause re Preliminary Injunction, and an *Ex Parte* Application for Temporary Restraining Order (“TRO”) staying his removal from the United States, and ordering his release from the custody of the Department of Homeland Security. [Doc. ## 1, 2.] Before the Court could rule on the TRO, he was placed on a flight to Dubai to be removed to Iran. On January 29, 2017, he filed an Amended *Ex Parte* Application for Temporary Restraining Order (“Amended TRO Application”), which is currently before the Court. [Doc. # 4.]

1 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65 governs the issuance of TROs and preliminary  
2 injunctions, and courts apply the same standard to both. *See Credit Bureau Connection,*  
3 *Inc. v. Pardini*, \_\_\_ F. Supp. 2d \_\_\_, 2010 WL 2737128, at \*5 (E.D. Cal. July 12, 2010)  
4 (citing *Ne. Ohio Coal. for the Homeless & Serv. Employees Int’l Union, Local 1199 v.*  
5 *Blackwell*, 467 F.3d 999, 1009 (6th Cir. 2006)). The purpose of such injunctive relief is  
6 to preserve the rights and relative positions of the parties, *i.e.*, the *status quo*, until a final  
7 judgment issues. *See U.S. Philips Corp. v. KBC Bank N.V.*, 590 F.3d 1091, 1094 (9th  
8 Cir. 2010) (citing *Univ. of Tex. v. Camenisch*, 451 U.S. 390, 395, 101 S.Ct. 1830, 68  
9 L.Ed.2d 175 (1981)).

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11 Having reviewed and considered Petitioner’s written submissions, the Court finds  
12 that:

- 13 1. Petitioner has demonstrated a strong likelihood of success in establishing that  
14 removal violates the Establishment Clause, the Immigration and Nationality Act,  
15 and his rights to Equal Protection guaranteed by the United States Constitution.  
16 *See* 8 U.S.C. §§ 1151, 1152(a)(1)(A) (“[N]o person shall receive any preference or  
17 priority or be discriminated against in the issuance of an immigrant visa because of  
18 the person’s race, sex, nationality, place of birth, or place of residence.”); *cf. Board*  
19 *of Educ. Of Kiryas Joel Vill. Sch. Dist. v. Grumet*, 512 U.S. 687, 696, 702–703  
20 (1994).
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22 2. There is a strong likelihood that Petitioner is likely to suffer irreparable harm in the  
23 absence of interim injunctive relief.
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25 3. The balance of equities weighs sharply in favor of Petitioner and granting interim  
26 injunctive relief.  
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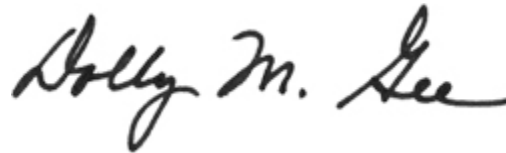
1 4. The Court must consider the public interest in upholding constitutional rights.  
2 *Preminger v. Pincipi*, 422 F.3d 815, 826 (9th Cir. 2005). Given the constitutional  
3 rights at issue in this case, interim injunctive relief is in the public interest.  
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5 In light of the foregoing, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**  
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- 7 1. The Amended TRO Application is GRANTED. Respondents and their officers,  
8 agents, employees, attorneys, and all persons acting in concert or participating with  
9 them, are enjoined and restrained from barring Petitioner's return to the United  
10 States.  
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- 12 2. Respondents shall transport Petitioner back to the United States and admit him  
13 under the terms of his previously approved visa.  
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- 15 3. Respondents shall communicate the terms of this Court's order immediately to  
16 officers in Dubai, and to authorities in the airport in Dubai holding Petitioner on  
17 Respondents' orders.  
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- 19 4. Unless otherwise agreed upon by the assigned judge and/or the parties, Petitioner  
20 shall file any supplemental brief in support of his motion for preliminary injunction  
21 by January 31, 2017. Respondents shall file their opposition to Petitioner's *Ex*  
22 *Parte* Application and motion for preliminary injunction by February 3, 2017.  
23 Petitioner shall file his reply by February 7, 2017.  
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1 5. Respondents shall appear before the assigned judge on February 10, 2017 at 9:30  
2 a.m. to show cause why the preliminary injunctive relief sought in the Amended *Ex*  
3 *Parte* Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause re  
4 Preliminary Injunction should not be granted.

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6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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9 DATED: January 29, 2017

10 DOLLY M. GEE  
11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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