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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

JOHN DOE,

Petitioner,

v.

C. GIPSON, Warden,

Respondent.

No. C 12-0716 RS (PR)

**ORDER DENYING PETITIONER'S
MOTION TO FILE ACTION UNDER
SEAL**

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This is a federal habeas corpus action filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 by a *pro se* state prisoner. Petitioner “seeks to remain anonymous in prosecuting this [w]rit [p]etition in order to protect his safety and security in prison and beyond if this case is published.” (Docket No. 1.) The Court construes this motion as a request to have the proceedings sealed. So construed, the motion is DENIED without prejudice.

A party seeking to seal a judicial record bears the burden of overcoming “a strong presumption in favor of [public] access” to judicial proceedings and records. *Foltz v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 331 F.3d 1122, 1135 (9th Cir. 2003) (citations omitted). The presumption can be overcome only by articulating compelling reasons “that outweigh the

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