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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

JESUS RAMIREZ-HIDALGO, Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Respondent.

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Pursuant to Rule 39 and 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7), Petitioner Jesus Ramirez-Hidalgo asks leave to file the accompanying Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit without prepayment of costs and to proceed in forma pauperis. Petitioner was represented by counsel appointed under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(b) and (c), in the United States District Court and on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

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