

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

HILTON RIOS RIVERA,  
Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Respondent.

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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

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TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW the Petitioner, Hilton Rios Rivera, represented by the undersigned counsel, and before this Honorable Court respectfully requests to proceed in forma pauperis, pursuant to Rule 39.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States. In support of this motion, the undersigned respectfully states the following:

1. The petitioner was determined to be indigent in the course of the criminal proceedings before the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.
2. The undersigned has represented the petitioner as court appointed counsel by the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. The undersigned understands that this appointment exempts the petitioner from payment of fees or costs, and from the filing of an affidavit pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

**WHEREFORE**, it is respectfully requested that this Honorable Court grant the petitioner's request to proceed in forma pauperis, and that this court accept the attached petition for writ of certiorari.

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 8th day of April, 2019.

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