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Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Carlos Javier Pedroza-Rocha v. United States of America, No. 19-6588  
Delayed distribution request related to COVID-19

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on November 6, 2019. The Government filed its brief in opposition on March 13, 2020. Distribution of this in forma pauperis case would normally occur on April 2, 2020. *See* S. Ct. R. 15.5.

Counsel requests distribution of the case be delayed to April 23, 2020. This request is based on difficulties related to COVID-19. *See* Order of Mar. 19, 2020.

Pedroza will be filing a reply to the brief in opposition. This has been made more difficult because of measures counsel's office and the city of San Antonio, Texas, have adopted to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Counsel's office has instituted widespread teleworking for its employees, and counsel began doing so on March 19, 2020. San Antonio has prohibited gatherings of 10 or more people, and counsel's son's daycare is closed until at least April 6, 2020. Counsel is concerned that she will not be able to prepare an effective reply before the April 2 distribution date given that she is working from home and caring for a three-year-old.

Counsel for respondent does not oppose this request.

Very truly yours,

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