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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

VALENTE ARIAS-AVILA,  
Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Respondent.

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

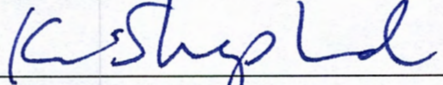
**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED  
*IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

Pursuant to Rule 39 and 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7), Petitioner Valente Arias-Avila 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.

Date: December 16, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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