

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

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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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RUDY MENDOZA,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

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

Pursuant to Rule 39 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States, Petitioner Rudy Mendoza asks leave to file to enclosed Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit without prepayment of costs to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to an appointment under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. Pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act, the undersigned was appointed to represent the Petitioner in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Petitioner Rudy Mendoza has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the United States Court of Appeals

for the Second Circuit.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: December 21, 2021

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