

IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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MERRICK B. GARLAND, ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
*Petitioner,*

v.

RAUL DANIEL MENDEZ-COLÍN  
*Respondent.*

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

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**BRIEF FOR RESPONDENT  
RAUL DANIEL MENDEZ-COLÍN**

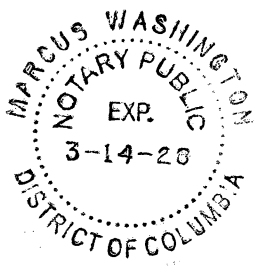
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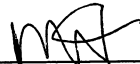
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