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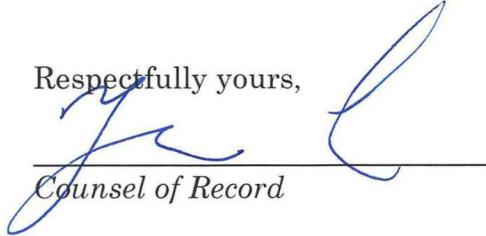
Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Supreme Court Building  
1 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

**Re: *Jesus Mendez v. United States of America***  
**No. 22-\_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Mr. Harris:

I enclose the original and ten copies of a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari and Application for Leave to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*. I also enclose a certificate of service.

Respectfully yours,



*Barry D. Leiwant*  
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Enclosures

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