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**IN THE**  
***SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES***

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Eric De Jesus-Torres,  
Petitioner,  
v.  
United States of America,  
Respondent.

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

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COMES NOW, the Petitioner, represented by the undersigned counsel, and before this Honorable Court respectfully requests to proceed in *forma pauperis*, pursuant to Rule 39.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States. In support of this motion, the undersigned respectfully states the following:

1. The Petitioner was determined to be indigent in the course of criminal proceedings before the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico and before the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit Court. Petitioner was represented at the district court level by the undersigned, pursuant to a Criminal Justice Act “CJA” appointment since January 9<sup>th</sup> 2020.

2. The undersigned respectfully submits that his appointment pursuant to the CJA and the corresponding determination of indigency for Petitioner, exempts him from the payment of fees or costs, and from the filing of an affidavit pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1915(a).

**WHEREFORE**, it is respectfully requested that this High Court grant the instant request to proceed in *forma pauperis*, and that this Court accepts the tendered Petition for a Writ of Certiorari.

**See: Certificate of Service included with Petition.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.**

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023

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