

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

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**In the Supreme Court of the United States**

HECTOR GASTELUM VALENZUELA,

*Petitioner,*

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Respondent.*

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

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**Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis**

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Petitioner, Hector Gastelum Valenzuela, by and through his  
undersigned attorney, and in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 39.1 and  
Title 18, Section 3006A(d)(7), of the United States Code moves this Court for  
leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, and for leave to file the attached Petition  
for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth  
Circuit without prepayment of fees. Petitioner was represented by appointed  
counsel under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, as amended, in the district  
court and in the court of appeals. 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(b) and (d)(7).

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Shane O'Neal  
*Counsel of Record for Petitioner*

Dated: August 21, 2023.