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Petitioner contends (Pet. 9) that the Constitution requires a jury trial and proof beyond a reasonable doubt to find that a defendant's prior convictions were "committed on occasions different from one another," as is necessary to impose an enhanced sentence under the Armed Career Criminal Act, 18 U.S.C. 924(e)(1). On November 20, 2023, this Court granted certiorari in Erlinger v. United States, No. 23-370, to consider that issue. The petition for a writ of certiorari here should accordingly be held pending

the Court's decision in Erlinger and then disposed of as appropriate.*

Respectfully submitted.

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* The government waives any further response to the petition for a writ of certiorari unless this Court requests otherwise.