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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

PEDRO VALENCIA-AYALA,
Petitioner,
v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent.

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED
STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

Motion for Leave to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A and Supreme Court Rule 39, the Petitioner, Pedro Valencia-Ayala, asks for leave to file a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit without pre-payment of fees or costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Petitioner was represented by counsel appointed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A in the district court and on appeal to the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Respectfully submitted,



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