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**IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
OCTOBER TERM 2024**

DAMIAN CORTEZ,

Petitioner

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Pursuant to the provisions of United States Supreme Court Rule 39, Petitioner Damian Cortez moves to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Petitioner was represented in the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit by undersigned counsel appointed pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, and he continues to be represented by appointed counsel in this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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