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

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DAMIAN CORTEZ,

Petitioner

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

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