

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

ERVIN MALDONADO-GOMEZ,

Petitioner,

- v -

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

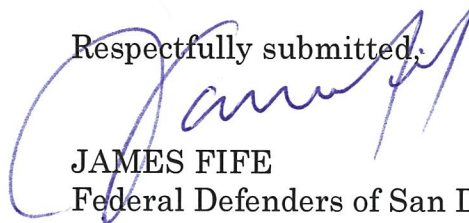
Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED
IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Pursuant to Title 18 United States Code §3006A(d)(6) and Rule 39 of this Court, Petitioner Ervin Maldonado-Gomez, asks leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of *Certiorari* to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit without prepayment of fees or costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Petitioner is represented by counsel appointed pursuant to Title 18 United States Code §3006A in the district court and on appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Respectfully submitted,



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