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In the  
Supreme Court of the United States

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Mick Careaga,

*Petitioner,*  
v.

United States of America,

*Respondent.*

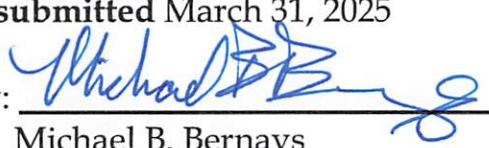
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**APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED  
IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

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Petitioner Mick Careaga respectfully requests leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, without payment of fees and costs. In the courts below, counsel was appointed to represent petitioner pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A.

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