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Petitioner contends (Pet. 9) that he should be permitted to collaterally attack his conviction under 18 U.S.C. 924(c) and accompanying sentence notwithstanding a provision in his plea agreement waiving the right to challenge his convictions and sentences in any collateral proceeding. See Judgment 1. This Court granted certiorari in *Hunter v. United States*, No. 24-1063, (Oct. 10, 2025), to consider, *inter alia*, the potential circumstances under which a defendant may appeal his sentence notwithstanding an appeal waiver in his plea agreement. Because the Court's decision in *Hunter* may affect the proper disposition of the petition for a writ of certiorari, the petition in this case should be held pending the decision in *Hunter* and then disposed of as appropriate in light of that decision.\*

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\* The government waives any further response to the petition for a writ of certiorari unless this Court requests otherwise.

Respectfully submitted.

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