

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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In the  
Supreme Court of the United States

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José M. Rojas-Tapia,

Petitioner,

v.

United States of America,

Respondent.

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On Petition for Writ of Certiorari  
to the United States Court of Appeals  
for the First Circuit

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**Petition for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis**

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Petitioner José M. Rojas-Tapia respectfully asks leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed in forma pauperis. The United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico appointed counsel under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. The appointment continued in the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Petitioner's affidavit is not attached as the district court appointed counsel and the court of appeals continued that appointment.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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