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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES

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Petitioner contends (Pet. 4-7) that he should be permitted to appeal his sentence notwithstanding a provision in his plea agreement waiving that right subject to certain exceptions not applicable here. See Plea Agreement ¶ 5(g). This Court granted the petition for a writ of certiorari in Hunter v. United States, cert. granted, No. 24-1063 (oral argument scheduled for Mar. 3, 2026), 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 could conceivably affect the proper disposition of the

petition for a writ of certiorari, the petition in this case could be held pending the decision in Hunter and then disposed of as appropriate in light of that decision.\*

Respectfully submitted.

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