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In the  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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ALEXIS D. NEGRÓN-CRUZ, PETITIONER,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RESPONDENT.

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*ON PETITION FOR A 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**

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

Executed on January 22, 2026, at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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