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Petitioner contends (Pet. 11-22) that he should be permitted to appeal his sentence notwithstanding a provision in his plea agreement waiving the right to appeal any sentence within the statutory maximum. See Pet. App. 5a. This Court granted a writ of certiorari in Hunter v. United States, No. 24-1063 (argued Mar. 3, 2026), to consider, inter alia, the potential circumstances under which a defendant may appeal his sentence despite 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.