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In the Supreme Court of the United States

CARLOS MALDONADO-VARGAS, PETITIONER,
v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RESPONDENT.

*ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT*

MOTION 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 U.S. District Court, District of Puerto Rico, appointed counsel under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. Petitioner's affidavit is not attached as the district court below appointed counsel for an indigent party and the court of appeals continued that appointment.

Executed on June 8, 2026, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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