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Honorable Samuel Alito
Justice, Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

via priority mail

Regarding: Request for Extension of Time, Petition for *certiorari* for Matthew Sepulveda

Honorable Justice Alito:

My name is Jeremy Gordon and I represent Matthew Sepulveda. Mr. Sepulveda is seeking a thirty¹-day extension of time to file his petition for *certiorari*. Sepulveda's petition for a certificate of appealability was denied in the Fifth Circuit on September 10, 2025 in Cause No. 25-40116 meaning that the deadline for any Supreme Court petition related to that case is December 9, 2025.

As previously indicated, Mr. Sepulveda sought and was denied a certificate of appealability in the Fifth Circuit on September 10, 2025. As such we are seeking a writ of *certiorari* under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1) and Supreme Court Rule 13.1.

We recognize that such requests are disfavored, especially within ten days before the deadline for such a petition, but Sepulveda submits that good cause exists for such an extension under Supreme Court Rule 13.5.

Sepulveda is serving a three-hundred-and-sixty-month sentence in federal prison. Sepulveda has reported to me that he received notice that his appeal and certificate of appealability was denied thirty days after the Fifth Circuit's order. Our office was retained with little more than one month before the *certiorari* deadline. While we have prepared the brief, we are having considerable trouble with preparing the written books for submission, having consulted multiple familiar commercial copy

¹ A previous letter requested fourteen days, but the undersigned is cognizant of the needs of professional printers during the holiday season.

and shipment businesses in the area. While we recognize the disfavor, should the Court prefer, we can file the brief electronically as a sign of good faith and contemporaneousness. We ask that the Court finds this to be good cause for such an extension considering the length of Sepulveda's sentence.

Thank you for your consideration.

/s/ Jeremy Gordon
Jeremy Gordon

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Enclosures

Cc: Carmen Castillo Mitchell, United States Attorney, who served as counsel for the government on appeal