
In the Supreme Court of the United States

BENANCIO GARCIA III,

Petitioner,

v.

STEVEN HOBBS, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY
OF STATE OF WASHINGTON, ET AL.,

Respondents.

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