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Scott S. Harris, Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *United States v. Leopoldo Rivera-Valdes*, No. 25-972

Dear Mr. Harris:

The Oregon Federal Public Defender and former federal defender Stephen Sady, now counsel of record through the Criminal Justice Act, represent the respondent, Leopoldo Rivera-Valdes, in the above referenced case. The petitioner filed its Petition for a Writ of Certiorari on February 18, 2026. The respondent's brief in response to the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari is due on or before March 20, 2026. Pursuant to United States Supreme Court Rule 30.4, the respondent requests a 30-day extension of the time to file a brief in response to the petition. The respondent respectfully requests a due date of April 19, 2026. The extension is requested to complete preparation of the response given the press of other business and to assure the relevant issues are addressed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on Thursday, March 12, 2026, I served an electronic version of this Request for Extension of Time to file Brief in Support of Petition for Writ of Certiorari upon the following and that pursuant to Rule 29, a copy of the paper version will be sent to the same individual via the United States' mail, with postage prepaid on March 12, 2026:

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