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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
OCTOBER TERM, 2025

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YULISEY HERRERA GONGORA,

*Petitioner,*

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Respondent.*

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**APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE A  
PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES  
COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE  
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT**

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**TO THE HONORABLE CLARENCE THOMAS, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF  
THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES AND CIRCUIT  
JUSTICE FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT**

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Pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 13.5, 22, and 30.3, Petitioner Yulisey Herrera Gongora respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time, to and including June 12, 2026, within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Ms. Herrera has not previously sought an extension of time from this Court.

Petitioner is filing this Application at least ten days before the filing date, which is May 13, 2026. *See* S.Ct. R. 13.5. The jurisdiction of this Court will be invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

In 2023, Ms. Herrera pleaded guilty in the Southern District of Florida to possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1); conspiracy to tamper with a victim, witness, or informant, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(k); conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846; and possession of a firearm and ammunition by a convicted felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1). The court sentenced her to 180 months' imprisonment.

Ms. Herrera appealed her sentence to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, arguing that the sentence imposed was procedurally and substantively unreasonable. The Eleventh Circuit affirmed her sentence in an Opinion issued on December 17, 2025, which is attached as Appendix A hereto. Ms. Herrera then filed a petition for panel rehearing, arguing that, because the appellate court had correctly found that the district court had violated 18 U.S.C. § 3553(c)(2) when it pronounced her sentence, binding Circuit precedent required that the case be remanded for resentencing. On February 12, 2026, the Eleventh Circuit denied Ms. Herrera's petition for panel rehearing. Copies of this Eleventh Circuit Order is attached as Appendix B hereto. The petition for certiorari is due on May 13, 2026.

Undersigned counsel will not have sufficient time to file the petition for writ of certiorari for Ms. Herrera by May 13, 2026 because she has several other competing case matters due during this same time period. She currently has jury trials scheduled in several cases, along with multiple sentencing hearings in the upcoming weeks. As noted, Ms. Herrera is serving a 180-month term of imprisonment. No party will be prejudiced by the granting of a 30-day extension.

Since the time within which to file a petition for writ of certiorari in this case will expire on May 13, 2026 unless extended, Petitioner respectfully requests that an order be entered extending her time to file a petition for writ of certiorari by 30 days, to and including June 12, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

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