

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

JAMES MACK,  
Applicant/Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Respondent.

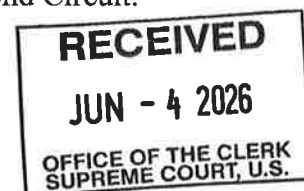
APPLICATION FOR A THIRTY-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO FILE A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI

To the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit:

Applicant James Mack, proceeding pro se, respectfully applies pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 13.5 and 28 U.S.C. § 2101(c) for a thirty-day extension of time, from June 3, 2026, through and including July 3, 2026, within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari seeking review of the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in *United States v. James Mack*, Case Nos. 24-603 and 24-618.

In support of this application, Applicant states as follows:

1. Applicant is the defendant-appellant in *United States v. James Mack*, Case Nos. 24-603 and 24-618, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.



2. The Court of Appeals entered judgment against Applicant on November 19, 2025.
3. Applicant timely sought rehearing, and the Court of Appeals denied rehearing on March 5, 2026.
4. Under Supreme Court Rule 13.3, Applicant's petition for a writ of certiorari is presently due on June 3, 2026.
5. This Court has jurisdiction to review the judgment of the Court of Appeals pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).
6. Applicant is presently incarcerated at FCI Hazelton and is proceeding without counsel. During the time Applicant needed to research and prepare his petition for a writ of certiorari, FCI Hazelton was placed on constant institutional lockdowns. Because of these lockdowns, Applicant has been unable to access the law library, legal research materials, his legal papers, and the ordinary resources necessary to prepare his petition.
7. Applicant has also already been designated for transfer from FCI Hazelton to another federal correctional facility. Applicant has not been advised of the date he will be transported or the facility to which he will be transferred. Applicant understands that, under the transfer procedures applicable to him, he will not learn his new institution or mailing address until after his arrival.
8. Because of the anticipated transfer, Applicant may be in transit for approximately two weeks. After he arrives at the receiving facility, he may also be without access to his legal property and case materials for approximately two to three additional weeks. During that time, Applicant may be unable to research, prepare, or complete his petition for a writ of certiorari.

9. Because of the institutional lockdowns, Applicant has been unable to access his legal papers, legal research materials, or ordinary document-preparation and mailing resources available at the institution. Applicant's wife, Cornelia Mack, has assisted by preparing this application at Applicant's direction and by obtaining copies of the lower-court documents required by Supreme Court Rule 13.5. Due to the lockdowns, Applicant's impending transfer, and the imminent filing deadline, Applicant has been unable to physically sign and return the application for mailing before the June 3, 2026 deadline. At Applicant's direction, Mrs. Mack is therefore submitting this application bearing the notation "/s/ James Mack," together with the required supporting documents, and is mailing a copy of the complete submission to the Solicitor General of the United States. Applicant remains pro se, and Mrs. Mack is not acting as counsel. Applicant respectfully requests that the Court accept this submission under these extraordinary circumstances or permit Applicant to cure any signature deficiency as soon as he regains the ability to do so.

10. Applicant recognizes that this application is being submitted fewer than ten days before the present filing deadline. Applicant did not delay in bad faith and does not seek an extension for purposes of delay. Rather, this late request results from circumstances outside Applicant's control, including the institutional lockdowns, his lack of access to legal materials, his impending transfer, the anticipated period in transit, the anticipated delay in receiving his legal property, and the fact that his future institutional address is presently unknown.

11. Applicant respectfully submits that these circumstances constitute the extraordinary circumstances required for consideration of this application under Supreme Court Rules 13.5 and 30.2.

12. Applicant's present mailing address is:

James Mack, Reg. No. 16502-052  
FCI Hazelton  
P.O. Box 3000  
Bruceton Mills, WV 26525

13. Because Applicant has been designated for transfer and does not know his future institutional mailing address, Applicant will promptly notify the Clerk of this Court after he arrives at the receiving facility and learns his new address. In the meantime, because Applicant may be in transit and unable to receive mail at a known institutional address when the Court acts on this application, Applicant respectfully requests that, if permitted by the Court, a copy of any order or correspondence concerning this application also be mailed to:

Cornelia Mack  
1200 Teall Ave  
Syracuse, NY 13206

Cornelia Mack is not acting as counsel, and Applicant remains pro se. This additional address is supplied solely so that Applicant may receive notice of the Court's action during his transfer and while his new institutional mailing address remains unknown.

14. Applicant presently seeks a limited thirty-day extension, through and including July 3, 2026, in order to obtain access to his legal materials, complete necessary legal research, and prepare his petition for a writ of certiorari.

WHEREFORE, Applicant James Mack respectfully requests that the time within which he may file a petition for a writ of certiorari be extended for thirty days, from June 3, 2026, through and including July 3, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ James Mack  
James Mack, Pro Se  
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Submitted at Applicant's direction due to institutional lockdowns and impending transfer.

Dated: May 30, 2026