

No. 25- _____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

ISRAEL ALBERTO RIVAS GOMEZ,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

On Application for an Extension of Time
to File a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

**PETITIONER'S APPLICATION TO EXTEND TIME
TO FILE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

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To the Honorable Elena Kagan, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit:

Pursuant to Rule 13.5 of this Court and 28 U.S.C. § 2101(c), Petitioner ISRAEL ALBERTO RIVAS GOMEZ requests an extension of time of 90 days in which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari to review the judgment of the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to and including January 27, 2026. The final order denying rehearing en banc by the Ninth Circuit was entered on July 31, 2025, and is attached hereto as Appendix A. Without an extension, Petitioner has until October 29, 2025 to file a petition for certiorari in this Court. This application for an extension is being filed more than 10 days before that deadline.

The decision for which review is sought was issued by the Ninth Circuit on April 23, 2025 and is attached hereto as Appendix B. The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

In support of the application for an extension of time, the undersigned sets forth the following facts:

1. On January 4, 2018, the government charged Petitioner in a two count indictment with one count of murder in aid of racketeering and one count of kidnapping in aid of racketeering, both in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(1).
2. On June 13, 2022, Petitioner began a jury trial that ended on September 23, 2022 with guilty verdicts on both counts. On April 5, 2023, the trial court

sentenced Mr. Rivas-Gomez to two terms of life, one for each count, to be served concurrently.

3. Mr. Rivas-Gomez filed a timely notice of appeal at the Ninth Circuit on April 12, 2023. His litigation at the Ninth Circuit concluded on July 31, 2025 with an Order denying his request for rehearing en banc.
4. The undersigned counsel has been working diligently on Mr. Rivas-Gomez's Petition for Writ of Certiorari that is currently due on October 29, 2025.
5. On September 19, 2025, the undersigned was diagnosed with cancer and is not able to continue working on Mr. Rivas-Gomez's Petition at this time.
6. Accordingly, the undersigned respectfully requests an extension of 90 days, with a new filing deadline of January 27, 2026. At that time the undersigned will either be well enough to complete the Petition or will make arrangements for another appellate attorney in her office to complete and file the petition without further delay.
7. This application is not being made to unduly delay the proceedings or for any other improper purpose.

Wherefore Petitioner respectfully requests that an order be entered extending his time to petition for certiorari to and including January 27, 2026.

Dated: September 26, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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