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In the
Supreme Court of the United States

Raymond Ghaloustian

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

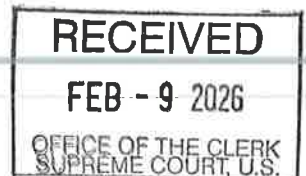
**ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

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Petitioner

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

I, Petitioner Raymond Ghaloustian, respectfully request that the time for me to file a petition for writ of certiorari in this matter be extended for 61 days to and including Monday, April 20, 2026 (the 60th day being a Sunday).

The Court of Appeals issued an order denying my application for a certificate of appealability of denial of my *Motion to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct Sentence Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255* on September 17, 2025 (see Appendix A, *infra*). Thereafter, I timely sought rehearing, but that motion was denied on November 20, 2025 (see Appendix B, *infra*).

My petition for relief from this Court therefore would be due on February 18, 2025, absent an extension. I am filing this application at least ten days before that date.

The Court has jurisdiction over the judgment under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

1. I was convicted in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California by a jury of two counts of possession with intent to distribute controlled substances in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a) and (b)(1)(B)(viii), two counts of carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking offense in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i), and two counts of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) and (g)(9).

I filed a timely *Motion to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct Sentence Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255*, which was denied by the District Court on the merits on February 5, 2025. Thereafter, I appealed, seeking a certificate of appealability.

The time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari should be extended for 60 days for the following reasons:

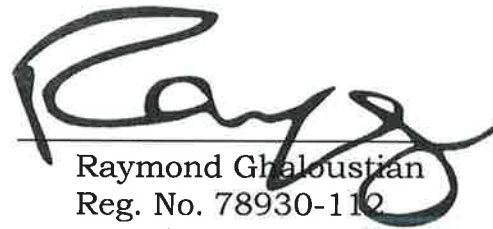
1. I am an incarcerated pro se litigant and thus requires more time than a trained legal practitioner with the freedom to devote full attention to the matter through the application of such resources as I desire to bring to the question.
2. The issues raised are several: First, I argued that the Court of Appeals provided too sparse a decision to permit meaningful review. Second, I argued that the fact that when the officer asked me whether I minded if he searched me, I responded “Yeah,” that was an unequivocal refusal of permission, not a grant of permission as the trial court held. My lawyer should have argued for suppression of evidence based on this. Third, I argued that my lawyer violated my 6th Amendment rights when he admitted to the jury that I was guilty of the 18 U.S.C. § 922(g) violations over my objections.
3. By extending the date for the petition in this case, the Court is more likely to have the benefit of the rulings in other cases when deciding whether to grant my petition. The Court also may have certiorari

petitions in those other appeals that it could consider along with my petition.

4. An extension will not prejudice Respondents. I am currently incarcerated and will continue to serve my sentence.

For the foregoing reasons, the Court should extend the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari in this appeal by 61 days, to and including Monday, April 20, 2026.

Executed February 2, 2026

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Valnyk Matthews,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 25-2313

D.C. Nos. 2:24-cv-08204-PA
2:19-cr-00714-PA-1

Central District of California,
Los Angeles

ORDER

Before: SILVERMAN and RAWLINSON, Circuit Judges.

The request for a certificate of appealability (Docket Entry No. 10) is denied because appellant has not made a “substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.” 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); *see also Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 327 (2003).

Any pending motions are denied as moot.

DENIED.

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ORDER

Before: TALLMAN and KOH, Circuit Judges.

Appellant's motion (Docket Entry No. 13) for an extension of time to file a motion for reconsideration is granted. Appellant's motion (Docket Entry No. 14) for reconsideration is deemed timely filed and is denied. *See* 9th Cir. R. 27-10.

No further filings will be entertained in this closed case.

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PROOF OF SERVICE


I, RAYMOND GHALOUSTIAN, DO SWEAR OR DECLARE THAT ON THIS DATE, FEBRUARY 3, 2026, AS REQUIRED BY SUPREME COURT RULE 29, I HAVE SERVED THE ENCLOSED *MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME* ON EACH PARTY TO THE ABOVE PROCEEDING OR THAT PARTY'S COUNSEL, AND ON EVERY OTHER PERSON REQUIRED TO BE SERVED, BY DEPOSITING AN ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES MAIL PROPERLY ADDRESSED TO EACH OF THEM AND WITH FIRST-CLASS POSTAGE PREPAID.

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I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT. EXECUTED ON FEBRUARY 2, 2026.



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