In the Supreme Court of the United States

JUAN JESUS VARGAS,

Petitioner,

VERSUS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Respondent.

ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

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TO THIS HONORABLE COURT:

Juan Jesus Vargas, Petitioner, through counsel, hereby requests leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, and would show as follows.

Mr. Vargas filed an affidavit in the U.S. District Court indicating his financial condition to the Court, and requested that counsel be appointed to represent him. Mr. Vargas's financial condition had not improved by his interview with U.S. Probation in connection with his Presentence Investigation Report. Since then, he has remained in custody, and his financial condition has not improved.

Mr. Vargas was appointed trial counsel by the U.S. District Court, and the undersigned was appointed on appeal under 18 U.S.C. Section 3006A.

FOR THESE REASONS, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, Juan Jesus Vargas respectfully requests leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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