No. _____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OCTOBER TERM 2024

JESSE GUARDADO,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,

Respondent.

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

APPLICATION TO EXTEND THE TIME TO FILE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

CAPITAL CASE

To the Honorable Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Eleventh Circuit:

Petitioner Jesse Guardado, a death-sentenced Florida prisoner, respectfully moves for a 60-day extension of time for undersigned counsel to file a petition for a writ of certiorari seeking review of the Eleventh Circuit's decision in his case. The Eleventh Circuit's August 12, 2024 opinion, and October 9, 2024 order denying rehearing, are attached to this application. This application is being filed more than 10 days before the current certiorari deadline of January 7, 2025. *See* Rules 13.1, 13.3, 13.5. This Court has jurisdiction to grant certiorari under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

Petitioner has good cause to support this request, which is based on counsel's commitments in other cases and matters in the weeks immediately preceding the January 7, 2025, deadline, as well as unexpected developments and deadlines in counsel's other capital cases in recent weeks. In addition, the record in Petitioner's case is factually complex and the issues addressed by the Eleventh Circuit's lengthy opinion below involve novel questions of law. In preparing the petition, it became clear to counsel that additional time would be needed to effectively present the issues.

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court grant this request and extend the certiorari deadline by 60 days.

Respectfully submitted,

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