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No. 25-50930
Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

AGUSTIN RUIZ-VAZQUEZ,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. 1:25-CR-266-1

Before STEWART, GRAVES, and OLDHAM, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM:*

Agustin Ruiz-Vazquez challenges his sentence for illegal reentry under 8 U.S.C. § 1326(b)(1), asserting that the statute is unconstitutional because it treats a prior conviction that increases the statutory maximum as a sentencing factor rather than an element of the offense. He correctly concedes that the argument is foreclosed by *Almendarez-Torres v. United*

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States, 523 U.S. 224 (1998), but wishes to preserve it for further review. *See United States v. Pervis*, 937 F.3d 546, 553-54 (5th Cir. 2019); *see also Erlinger v. United States*, 602 U.S. 821, 838 (2024).

Because the only issue before us is foreclosed by precedent and “there can be no substantial question as to the outcome of the case,” *Groendyke Transp., Inc. v. Davis*, 406 F.2d 1158, 1162 (5th Cir. 1969), we GRANT the Government’s motion for summary affirmance and DENY its alternative motion for an extension of time to file a brief. The judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.