

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 18-50593  
Summary Calendar

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United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

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Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

ANDREW HIDALGO,

Defendant-Appellant

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Western District of Texas  
USDC No. 2:17-CR-591-1

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Before JOLLY, COSTA, and HO, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

Andrew Hidalgo appeals his guilty plea conviction of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1). He relies on *United States v. Lopez*, 514 U.S. 549 (1995), to argue that § 922(g)(1) unconstitutionally extends federal control to the mere non-commercial possession of a firearm. Hidalgo contends that a felon's possession of a firearm, like possession of a firearm near a school, the offense at issue in *Lopez*, does

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\* Pursuant to 5TH CIR. R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.4.

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not have a sufficient nexus to interstate commerce. He concedes, however, that his argument is foreclosed by circuit precedent, and he raises the issue to preserve it for Supreme Court review.

The Government has filed an unopposed motion for summary affirmance; in the alternative, it requests an extension of time to file its brief. The Government agrees with Hidalgo that, under circuit precedent, Hidalgo's challenge to the constitutionality of § 922(g)(1) is foreclosed. Summary affirmance is proper where, among other instances, "the position of one of the parties is clearly right as a matter of law so that 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).

"This court has repeatedly emphasized that the constitutionality of § 922(g)(1) is not open to question." *United States v. De Leon*, 170 F.3d 494, 499 (5th Cir. 1999); *see United States v. Alcantar*, 733 F.3d 143, 146 (5th Cir. 2013). In *United States v. Rawls*, 85 F.3d 240, 242 (5th Cir. 1996), we rejected a challenge to the constitutionality of § 922(g)(1) on the basis that neither the holding nor the reasoning in *Lopez* constitutionally invalidates § 922(g)(1).

In view of the foregoing, the Government's motion for summary affirmance is GRANTED. The Government's alternative motion for an extension of time to file a brief is DENIED AS MOOT. The judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.