No. _____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2017

TAWUAN TOWNES, Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF ALABAMA, Respondent.

MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner Tawuan Townes respectfully moves this Court for leave to proceed *in* forma pauperis in these proceedings, without payment of costs or fees. Mr. Townes has been incarcerated since 2008 and he is currently indigent. In support of this motion, Mr. Townes has attached a Declaration in Support of Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis.

Respectfully submitted,

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