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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
OCTOBER TERM, 2017

ERNEST D. SHIELDS,

PETITIONER,

VS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

RESPONDENT.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED
IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Now comes the Petitioner, ERNEST D. SHIELDS, by his undersigned attorney, Panel Attorney with the Federal Defender Program, and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Sec. 3006A, and Rule 39.1 of this Court, respectfully requests leave to proceed in forma pauperis before this Court, and to

file the attached petition for writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit without prepayment of filing fees and costs.

In support of this motion, Petitioner states that he is indigent and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the United States Bureau of Prisons, is presently incarcerated serving that sentence, and was represented by undersigned counsel pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Se. 3006A in the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

ERNEST D. SHIELDS, Petitioner

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Date: June 12, 2018

DECLARATION

John T. Kennedy states that he is a panel attorney with the Federal Defender Program, and was appointed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, under the Criminal Justice Act, to represent Petitioner in the Court of Appeals.

The Petitioner is in custody and does not have the financial ability to afford an attorney on this petition to the United States Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 12, 2018, at Evanston, Illinois.

s/John T. Kennedy
John T. Kennedy
Panel Attorney, Federal
Defender Program