No. 20-1459

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

United States of America,

Petitioner,

v.

Justin Eugene Taylor,

Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

The respondent asks leave to file the attached brief in opposition to certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

The Office of the Federal Public Defender (OFPD) for the Eastern District of Virginia was appointed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit to represent respondent in connection with his filing of a motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2244(b), 2255(h) (2012) for authorization to file a second or successive 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (2012) motion. Upon that court's grant of authorization, the OFPD continued to represent respondent in the district court for the litigation of the § 2255 motion, and then in the Fourth Circuit for his appeal of the denial of the motion. As well, respondent, who has been incarcerated in the Bureau of Prisons since his original conviction in this case, had court-appointed counsel during the original prosecution and on direct appeal.

Because appellate counsel was appointed pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, no affidavit or declaration of the respondent is attached. See S. Ct. R. 39.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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