

No. 20-\_\_\_\_\_

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**SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

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SONYA PORTER,  
*Petitioner*,

v.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
*Respondent.*

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ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME COURT OF  
PENNSYLVANIA

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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

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*IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

Pursuant to Rule 39 of this Honorable Court, Petition Sonya Porter requests leave to file the accompanying Petition for Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* by the Superior Court of Pennsylvania on October 24, 2017, and by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on January 29, 2020 pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 552. The Allegheny County Office of the Public Defender has represented Ms. Porter from the case's inception at the trial court through the appellate courts, including both the Superior and Supreme Courts of Pennsylvania, and counsel is aware of no changes to her financial situation that would affect her qualification for our serves as an indigent defendant and for *in forma pauperis* status.

Date: October 7, 2020

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