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In the
Supreme Court of the United States

Richard Andrew Poplawski,
Petitioner,

v.

Secretary, Pennsylvania
Department of Corrections,
Respondent.

No. _____

On Petition for a
Writ of Certiorari
to the Third Circuit

Motion to Petition *In Forma Pauperis*

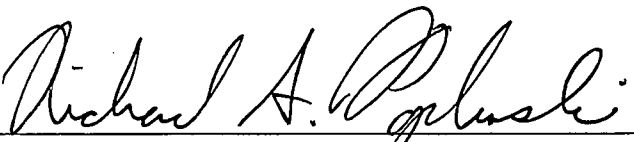
COMES NOW, Richard A. Poplawski, *pro se*, respectfully seeking the Court's permission to file the attached Petition for a Writ of Certiorari *in forma pauperis*.

The petitioner is incarcerated in the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. The United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania approved him to proceed on appeal *in forma pauperis* to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. *See Order*, 6/3/2020, #18-CV-0176.

Attached is a sworn declaration attesting to the petitioner's poverty, submitted under penalty of perjury. The Rules of the Supreme Court do not explicitly require the attachment of an account statement, but one is available for viewing on the docket of the district court.

This is a good-faith motion, in support of a good-faith petition.

May it please the Court.



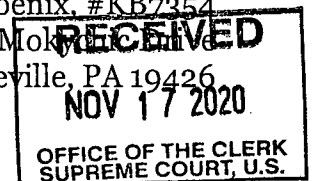
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**Declaration in Support of
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I, Richard A. Poplawski, swear under penalty of perjury (pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746) that the answers contained herein are true and correct. This declaration is modeled after, and contains substantially the same information as, a form-type affidavit. See Fed. R. App. P. 4.

After a careful and studied assessment, I sincerely believe that my petition presents questions of exceptional importance. But I cannot afford to file a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in this Court.

I have previously been certified as an indigent and, unfortunately, since that time, my financial circumstances have worsened further due, in part, to secondary economic effects of the the global pandemic.

I cannot pay the fees and costs, nor post a bond for them, because:

(1) I am incarcerated in the PA Department of Corrections where my employment opportunities have been, and likely will remain, extremely limited. I have recently

been approved to begin janitorial duties at the rate of nineteen cents per hour.

(2) Over the past twelve months....

- I have received approximately \$ 173.52 in payment for employment, (monthly av.: \$ 14.46);
- I have received approximately \$ 3985.00 in gifts, (monthly av.: \$ 332.08);
- I have incurred approximately \$ 3774.00 in expenses, (monthly av.: \$ 314.50).

(3) I have no other sources of income such as self-employment, rental payments, dividends, alimony, child support, pensions, annuities, insurance, or any other governmental benefit or assistance.

(4) I do not own any cash, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, notes, real estate, automobiles, or valuable property.

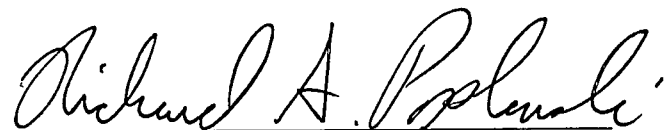
(5) No person, business, or organization owes me money.

(6) I have approximately \$ 473.96 in my prison account.

(7) I do not expect any major changes to my monthly income, expenses, assets, or liabilities in the next twelve months. But one can always hope.

(8) I have not spent, nor will I be spending, any money for expenses or attorney fees in connection with this case.

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