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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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MICHAEL STEWARD,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

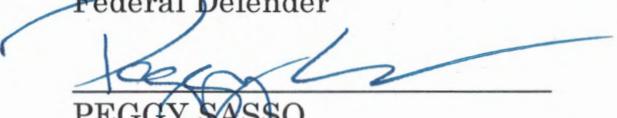
Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following courts: United States District Court, Eastern District of California and United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

The appointment was made in District Court pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7) and the representation was continued to the Ninth Circuit on appeal.

Dated: February 26, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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