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**In the
Supreme Court of the United States**

Taniko C. Smith,

Petitioner,

v.

Brian E. Williams, Sr., et al.

Respondent.

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari
to the United States Court of Appeals
for the Ninth Circuit

Motion for Leave to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*

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Petitioner Taniko C. Smith respectfully asks for leave to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Counsel was appointed by the United States District Court for the District of Nevada under 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B); 18 U.S.C. § 3559(a)(2). See *Smith v. Williams*, No. 2:12-cv-00952, ECF No. 29 (D. Nev. May 28, 2014). The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit allowed Mr. Smith to proceed on appeal without the prepayment of fees. See SUPREME COURT RULE 39.1 (authorizing leave to proceed in forma pauperis). Accordingly, no affidavit is attached

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Respectfully submitted,

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