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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

ENDALKACHEW MERID, Petitioner

v.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, Respondent

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the
Supreme Court of Virginia

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

Pursuant to Rule 39.1 of the Rules of this Court, Merid asks leave to file the attached Petition for writ of certiorari unprinted and without prepayment of cost, and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Counsel was court appointed in the state courts under Va. Code 19.2-159. Undersigned counsel is pro bono. Merid has been incarcerated and his declaration of poverty in support of this motion will show that he qualifies. Because of covid-19 and the slow mail, the affidavit is delayed and will be filed as soon as received back.

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