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No. 21-7507

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Valedia Gross — Pro se, PETITIONER  
VS.

First NLC Financial Services, LLC c/o State  
Department of Assessments and Taxation — RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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

Please check the appropriate boxes:

☐ Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_

☒ Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

☐ The appointment was made under the following provision of law: \_\_\_\_\_

a copy of the order of appointment is appended. \_\_\_\_\_

Valedia Gross  
(Signature)

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# AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

I, Valedia Gross, am the petitioner in the above-entitled case. In support of my motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, I state that because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of this case or to give security therefor; and I believe I am entitled to redress.

1. For both you and your spouse estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source	Average monthly amount during past 12 months		Amount expected the next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	N/A	N	N/A	N/A
Self-employment	780.00	\$ 0	\$ 780.00	\$ 0
(such as rental income)	0	0	0	Income from real property
Interest and dividends	0	0	0	0
Gifts	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Alimony	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Child Support	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ 825.00	\$ 0	\$ 825.00	\$ 0
Unemployment payments	\$ 1298.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0	\$ 0
Public-assistance	\$	\$	\$	\$

(such as welfare)

Other \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0

(specify): N/A

\$ 2999.00

\$ 0

\$ 0

**Total monthly income:**

\$1605.00

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer N/A	Address N/A	Dates of Employment N/A	Gross monthly pay
			\$ 0.
			\$ 0
			\$ 0

3. List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
Self-employed		9/21 - present	\$781.40
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ \$100.00

Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Type of account (e.g., checking or savings)	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
M&T Bank	\$ \$20.00	\$ 0
	\$	\$ 0
Discover Bank	\$ \$20.00	\$ 0

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

Home	Other real estate Value
Value \$200,000.00 (Possession)	NONE

Motor Vehicle #1	Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model 2013 Chrysler, 200M	Year, make & model
Value \$4000.00	Value N/A

Other assets Description N/A

Value \$0

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ 100.00	\$ 0
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ 200.00	\$ 0
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$85.00	\$ 0
Life	\$ 0	\$0
Health	\$ 35.00	\$ 0
Motor Vehicle	\$ 270.00	\$ 0
Other: _____	\$ 0	\$ 0
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$0	\$ 0
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$N/A	\$ 0
Credit card(s) Department store(s)	\$N/A	\$ 0
Other: _____	\$0	\$ 0
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$N/A	\$ 0
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement) Other (specify):	\$200.00	\$ 0
_____	\$0	\$ 0
<b>Total monthly expenses: \$2020.00</b>		\$ 0
	<u>\$2020.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months? No I do not.

If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

10. Have you paid – or will you be paying – an attorney any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form? Yes

If yes, how much? Approx. \$10,000.00

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number:

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11. Have you paid—or will you be paying—anyone other than an attorney (such as a paralegal or a typist) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

No

If yes, how much? N/a

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number: N/A

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: March 20, 2022

Valeria Jus

(Signature)