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COMES NOW Petitioner, Antonio Taylor, by his attorney, Stephen Moss, Appellate Unit Chief, Western District of Missouri, and moves this Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1915, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(6) and Sup. Ct. R. 39.1 and .2, for leave to file a petition for writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit without prepayment of docket or other fees, and to proceed In Forma Pauperis. The petition accompanies this motion.

United States Magistrate Judge Sarah W. Hays appointed the Federal Public Defender Office to represent Mr. Taylor pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act on July 10, 2012. Mr. Taylor was indicted in the United States District Court, Western District of Missouri, on August 8, 2012, on nine counts, including possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, use of a firearm in furtherance of a drug-trafficking crime, being a felon in possession of a firearm, and possession with intent to distribute more than twenty-eight grams of crack cocaine. Following Mr. Taylor's

guilty verdict at trial, he appealed his sentence of 60 years of imprisonment. On appeal, the Federal Defender continued to represent Mr. Taylor without payment of fees or costs or security and without filing the affidavit required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), all pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(6). On October 13, 2020, Mr. Taylor filed a pro se motion for compassionate release. United States District Court Chief Judge Beth Phillips appointed the Federal Defender to represent Mr. Taylor pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. Mr. Taylor appealed the district court's denial of his motion for compassionate release, and the Federal Defender continued to represent Mr. Taylor on appeal.

Because both the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit permitted Mr. Taylor to proceed In Forma Pauperis and appointed counsel for him, no affidavit in support of this Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis in this Court is required. 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(6) and Sup. Ct. R. 39.1.

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