IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

JAMES ATKINSON,

DEFENDANT – PETITIONER

v.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

RESPONDENT

ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Now comes the Petitioner, JAMES ATKINSON, and moves this Honorable Court allow him to proceed in this matter *in forma pauperis*. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has declared Petitioner indigent and appointed the undersigned counsel to represent the Petitioner in accordance with M.G.L. ch. 211D. Accordingly, Petitioner respectfully requests this Honorable Court to

permit him to proceed in forma pauperis.

Respectfully Submitted, JAMES ATKINSON, By his attorney,

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