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

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RICHIE LEE EDMONDS, III, PETITIONER

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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***ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT***

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

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Petitioner Richie Lee Edmonds, by his undersigned counsel and pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, moves this Honorable Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. In support of his motion, Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner Richie Edmonds is filing a petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, seeking review of the opinion and judgment of the Sixth Circuit issued on August 30, 2022, affirming his conviction and sentence for possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and heroin in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C), and § 851. *United States v. Edmonds*, 712 Fed. Appx. 492 (6th Cir. 2022).

2. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, the Office of the Federal Public Defender

for the Western District of Michigan originally was appointed to represent Mr. Edmonds under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964 on May 1, 2017.

3. The Office of the Federal Public Defender intends to and shall represent Mr. Edmonds in all proceedings in this Court.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner Richie Lee Edmonds respectfully prays this Honorable Court to grant his motion and allow him to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 13, 2023

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