

MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Now comes Petitioner Mantell Alabi Stevens, by his court-appointed counsel, and in accordance with Rules 33.2 and 39 of the United States Supreme Court, moves to proceed before this Court *in forma pauperis*. In support of this Motion, the Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner is unable to afford the cost of representation in this matter.
2. The undersigned counsel represented Petitioner in the underlying courts, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, through the Criminal Justice Act program.
3. Because of his continuing inability to afford counsel, Petitioner hereby requests *in forma pauperis* representation by Mr. West in his petition before this Court.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner by and through undersigned counsel respectfully requests that he be allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis* without payment of filing fees or service of notice fees and for such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned counsel hereby certifies that on July 31, 2023, the foregoing was served via e-mail upon the following:

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