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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Patrick Groves,
Petitioner,

v.

United States of America,
Respondent

Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*

Petitioner Patrick Groves respectfully requests leave to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Both the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit appointed the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of West Virginia to represent Petitioner under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. In light of this prior appointment, no affidavit or declaration of petitioner is attached. *See* S. Ct. R. 39.1.

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court permit him to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Respectfully submitted,

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