

No. 24-____

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

PAUL WRIGHT,

Petitioner,

v.

DENIS MCDONOUGH, SECRETARY OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS,

Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED AS A VETERAN

Pursuant to this Court's Rule 40.1, the petitioner requests leave to proceed as a veteran, to file the accompanying petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of fees or costs or furnishing security therefor, and to proceed on papers prepared as required by Rule 33.2. The petitioner is a veteran who the courts below have exempted from prepayment of fees or costs or furnishing security therefor, as shown in the accompanying declaration.

Very respectfully submitted, January 23, 2024



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DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED AS A VETERAN

The petitioner is an honorably discharged veteran aged 70, and is limited by disabilities as found by the South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. The Secretary has found that the petitioner is under Extreme Financial Hardship, upon review of the findings of the South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and petitioner's sworn statements of financial standing. The petitioner's Extreme Financial Hardship has not materially abated since the Secretary's finding, and shows no prospects of abating without delivery of benefits the Secretary withholds.

The Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit exempted the petitioner from prepayment of fees or costs or furnishing security therefor in the proceedings below, pursuant to the rules of those courts, due to the petitioner's veteran status and the Secretary's finding of Extreme Financial Hardship.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on January 23, 2024


Paul Wright