

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

---

MAHLON PRATER, JR.,

*Petitioner,*

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Respondent.*

---

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari  
to the United States Court of Appeals  
for the Sixth Circuit

---

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

---

Stephen J. van Stempvoort  
*Counsel of Record*  
MILLER JOHNSON  
45 Ottawa Avenue SW, Suite 1100  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
vanstempvoorts@millerjohnson.com  
(616) 831-1765  
*Counsel for Petitioner*

Stephen J. van Stempvoort, Counsel for Petitioner, states that on October 31, 2024, he sent one copy of the **Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis** and one copy of the **Petition for a Writ of Certiorari** by electronic mail to: SupremeCtBriefs@usdoj.gov. Additionally, he mailed a copy of each document to each of the following:

Brent Nelson Jones  
Office of the U.S. Attorney  
800 Market Street - Suite 211  
Knoxville, TN 37902

Solicitor General of the United States  
Room 5614, Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

by placing these documents in properly addressed envelopes with fully prepaid first class postage thereon and depositing the envelopes with the United States Postal Service, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dated: October 31, 2024

/s/ Stephen J. van Stempvoort  
Stephen J. van Stempvoort  
*Counsel of Record*  
MILLER JOHNSON  
45 Ottawa Avenue SW, Suite 1100  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
vanstempvoorts@millerjohnson.com  
(616) 831-1765  
*Counsel for Petitioner*