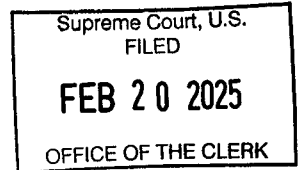


24-6673  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
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ISRAEL ROMERO - Petitioner

vs.

META PLATFORMS, INC., et al – Respondents

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

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The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without Prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

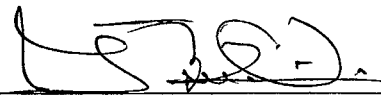
☒ Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):

1. United States District Court for the District of South Carolina.
2. United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
3. Supreme Court of the United States.

☒ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

☒ No appointment of counsel was made by the Courts below.

Dated: February 20, 2025

  
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AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION  
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

I, Israel Romero, am the *Pro Se* Petitioner in the above entitled case. In support of my motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, I state that because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of this case or to give security therefor; and I believe I am entitled to redress.

- For both you and your spouse estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	\$ -0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Self-Employment	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Interest and dividends	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Gifts	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Alimony	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Child Support	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Retirement (such as social Security, insurance payments)	\$511/m	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Unemployment payments	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Total monthly income:	\$511	\$-0-	\$511	\$-0-

- List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of	Gross monthly pay
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$-0-

- List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recently employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

N/A	N/A	N/A	\$-0-
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4. How much cash do you and you spouse have? \$ -0-

Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Type of account (e.g., checking or savings) Amount you have Amount your spouse has

Checking account

\$80.00

\$-0-

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

☐ Home  
Value: \$-0-

☐ Other real estate  
Value: \$-0-

☐ Motor vehicle #1  
Year, Make and Model: N/A  
Value: \$-0-

☐ Motor vehicle #2  
Year, make and Model: N/A  
Value: \$-0-

☐ Other assets  
Description: None  
Value: \$-0-

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Person owing you or  
your spouse money

Amount owed to you

Amount owed to your spouse

None

\$-0-

N/A

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. For minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

Name

Relationship

Age

None

N/A

N/A

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amounts paid by your spouse. Adjust any payments that are made weekly, biweekly, quarterly, or annually to show the monthly rate.

You

Your spouse

Rent or home-mortgage payment  
(include lot rented for mobile home)

Rent: \$150/m

N/A

Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, Water, sewer, and telephone)	\$150/m	N/A
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$-0-	N/A
Food	\$150/m	N/A
Clothing	\$-0-	N/A
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$25/m	N/A
Medical and dental expenses	\$-0-	N/A
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$25/m	N/A
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$-0-	N/A
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$-0-	N/A
Life	\$-0-	N/A
Health	\$-0-	N/A
Motor vehicle	\$-0-	N/A
Other: None	\$-0-	N/A
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): None	\$-0-	N/A
Installment payments		
Motor vehicle	\$-0-	N/A
Credit card(s)	\$-0-	N/A
Department store(s)	\$-0-	N/A
Other: None	\$-0-	N/A
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$-0-	N/A
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$-0-	N/A
Other (specify): None	\$-0-	N/A
Total monthly expenses:	\$500	N/A

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

☐ Yes    ☒ No    If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

10. Have you paid – or will you be paying – an attorney any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how much? N/A

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number: N/A

11. Have you paid – or will you be paying – anyone other than an attorney (such as a paralegal or a typist) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, how much? N/A

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

I live on the small amount I receive every month from the Social Security Administration, and have no other source of income. If I pay the filing fee and other expenses for this Petition for a Writ of Certiorari, I will not be able to pay the rent and to eat for the entire month, not to mention that I may face the electricity service to be cut. The publication of the pornographic picture in Petitioner's Facebook page that triggered this case, killed any opportunity for professional employment or for any type of employment to Petitioner, with serious economic damage as a consequence of the defamation.

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

Executed on: February 20, 2025.



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