

No. _____

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

KATIE GARDING,

Petitioner,

v.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,

Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner, Katie Garding, through the undersigned counsel, respectfully seeks leave to file a petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Petitioner is represented by pro bono counsel. As reflected in the attached affidavit, Petitioner does not have the resources to pay the costs associated with this Petition. Petitioner requested, and was granted, leave to proceed in former pauperis by the United States District Court, District of Montana, in the underlying proceeding. Attached as Exhibit A is Petitioner's affidavit in support of this Request. *See* Rule 39.1.

Dated: March 19, 2025
Bozeman, Montana

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

I, Katie Gardiner, am the 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.

1. 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	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Self-employment	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Interest and dividends	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Gifts	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Alimony	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child Support	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>2044⁰⁰</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>2044⁰⁰</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

2. 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 Employment	Gross monthly pay
Landslide Political	Utah	March - Nov 2021	\$ 5,500
Shiloh Vet	Billings MT	9/11/21 - 6/22/24	\$ 2,400

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

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
			\$
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 300 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	\$ 500	\$

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

Home
 Value _____

Other real estate
 Value _____

Motor Vehicle #1
 Year, make & model 2019 Kia Sorento
 Value 9,000 - 14,000

Motor Vehicle #2
 Year, make & model _____
 Value _____

Other assets
 Description _____
 Value _____

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
<u> </u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
<u> </u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
<u> </u>	\$ _____	\$ _____

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
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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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)	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u> </u>
Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ <u>500.00</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ <u>1,000</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Food	\$ <u>300.00</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Clothing	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u> </u>
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ <u>100.00</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Medical and dental expenses	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u> </u>

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>1500</u>	\$ _____
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Life	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Health	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): <u>Property</u>	\$ <u>2400</u>	\$ _____
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ _____	\$ _____
Credit card(s)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Department store(s)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ _____	\$ _____
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (specify): <u>Reshiton/Supervision fees</u>	\$ <u>500</u>	\$ _____
Total monthly expenses:	<u>\$ 2100</u>	\$ _____

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? _____

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

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? _____

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

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

*Currently unemployed have to find a new job
due to lack of transportation.*

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

Executed on: March 19th, 2025

Lata J. May
(Signature)