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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

PEDRO A. MARTINEZ MERCADO — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA — RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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

Please check the appropriate boxes:

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

☒ Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

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

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

☐ The appointment was made under the following provision of law: _____, or

☐ a copy of the order of appointment is appended.



(Signature)

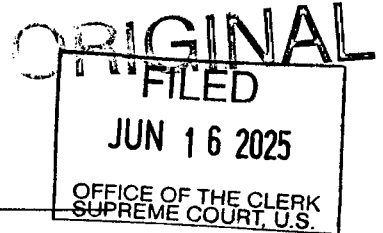
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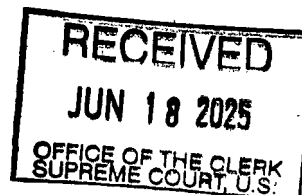
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RESPONDENT,



PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO THE
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED
IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner PEDRO A. MARTÍNEZ-MERCADO, pro-se, and pursuant to Rule 39.1, Supreme Court Rules, and Title 18, United States Code, § 3006A(d)(7), respectfully moves this Honorable Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, and for leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit without prepayment of fees. Petitioner was represented by counsel in the district court and the court of appeals. Leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* was never sought in any other court.



Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Pedro A. Martínez Mercado', is written over a horizontal line.

PEDRO A. MARTÍNEZ MERCADO
1457 52nd Street
North Bergen, NJ 07047

DATED: June 16th, 2025.

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

I, PEDRO MARTINEZ MERCADO, 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	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>3,785.50</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>3,785.50</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>281.00</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>281.00</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>2,728.00</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>2,728.00</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>3,009.00</u>	\$ <u>3,785.50</u>	\$ <u>3,009.00</u>	\$ <u>3,785.50</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
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0

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
WEST NY, NJ BOARD OF EDUCATION	6028 BROADWAY WEST NEW YORK NEW JERSEY 07093	09/16/2012-PRESENT	\$ 3,785.50
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 160.00
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
PROVIDENT BANK (CHECKING)	\$ 7.35	\$ 0
BANCO POPULAR (CHECKING)	\$ NA - 0	\$ 14.52
BANCO POPULAR (CHECKING)	\$ 0	\$ 105,000.00

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

☐ Home
Value NA

☐ Other real estate
Value NA

☒ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model TOYOTA, TACOMA 2021
Value 22,124.82

☒ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model LAND ROVER, DISCOVERY
Value 19,000.00

☐ Other assets
Description NA
Value NA - 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
NA	\$ 0	\$ 0
NA	\$ 0	\$ 0
NA	\$ 0	\$ 0

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
ABRAHAM MARTINEZ	SON	23
MARIA L DE LA ROSA ESPIRITU SANTO	MOTHER IN LAW	84

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)	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 0
Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 0	\$ 385.00
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ 25.00	\$ 95.00
Food	\$ 0	\$ 720.00
Clothing	\$ 0	\$ 200.00
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 180.00	\$ 100.00
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>60.00</u>	\$ <u>50.00</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>100.00</u>	\$ <u>180.00</u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Life	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>260.00</u>
Health	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>60.00</u>	\$ <u>100.00</u>
Other: <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>409.10</u>	\$ <u>525.48</u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>75.00</u>	\$ <u>800.00</u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other: <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other (specify): <u>INTERNET</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>70</u>
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>2,809.01</u>	\$ <u>3,535.48</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? \$500.00

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

JOSE B VELEZ
P.O BOX 1844, DORADO, P.R. 00646
(787) 780-4911 EXT. 3

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? NA

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

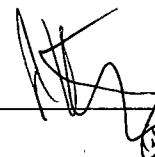
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12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT MY WIFE WILL START MAKING PAYMENTS ON HER STUDENT LOANS AND HER ESTIMATED MONTHLY PAYMENT IS \$1,569.00 PER MONTH. MOHELA IS HER LOAN SERVICER.

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

Executed on: THE 16TH OF JUNE, 2025



(Signature)

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to further explain and provide an answer to Question No. 9.

Due to government restructuring of the country's economy at all levels of society, many significant changes are expected to negatively affect households across the United States. These effects are anticipated to continue over the next three and a half years. Working-class families and retirees will face challenges such as rising housing costs and growing concerns about the adequacy of Social Security and retirement savings. Wages are not expected to increase, and job security will become increasingly uncertain. We are praying and hoping that the government will implement effective strategies and policies to mitigate the economic impact.

On the other hand, my wife will soon begin making payments on her federal student loan, serviced by MOHELA. According to her estimate, her monthly payment will be at least \$1,569.00. We are in the process of applying for an income-driven repayment plan, but the details and amount of the adjusted payment have not yet been determined. Her current student loan debt exceeds \$220,000.00.

Thank you,


Pedro A. Martinez