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In Re:

Kimberly E. King,
Petitioner,

v.

Hon. Joshua P. Kolar and
Hon. Nancy L. Maldonado,
Respondents.

**EMERGENCY MOTION TO STAY APPELLATE FILING FEE DEADLINE PENDING
DISPOSITION OF WRIT OF MANDAMUS**

Petitioner Kimberly E. King respectfully moves this Court to issue an emergency stay of the \$608.00 appellate filing fee imposed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, which is currently due on June 11, 2025, pending resolution of her Petition for Writ of Mandamus submitted to this Court pursuant to Rule 21.

The Seventh Circuit denied Ms. King’s IFP application on March 17, 2025, not due to financial ineligibility, but based on an early and subjective merit assessment—contrary to **28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)**. This premature denial blocks her from accessing appellate review of serious constitutional claims involving misconduct by public officials.

If not stayed, the June 11 deadline will force dismissal of Ms. King’s appeal and moot the writ now before this Court. That outcome would cause irreparable harm and undermine this Court’s ability to review unconstitutional barriers to justice.

This Court has authority to issue a stay to preserve its jurisdiction and prevent procedural foreclosure. See **Nken v. Holder, 556 U.S. 418, 426 (2009)**.

RELIEF REQUESTED:

Ms. King respectfully asks this Court to (1) stay the June 11, 2025 fee deadline; (2) direct the Seventh Circuit not to dismiss her appeal while the writ is pending; and (3) grant any further relief the Court deems just.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly E. King 5/30/2025

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