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**IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT**

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**SHANNON FERGUSON,**

**Petitioner,**

**v.**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Respondent.**

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**MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

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Now comes Erin P. Rust, counsel for the Petitioner, Shannon Ferguson, and moves the Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. In support thereof, the movant would show unto the Court that she and her office were appointed to represent Mr. Ferguson under the Criminal Justice Act, see 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(6), in the district court. Leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* has not been previously sought.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

FEDERAL DEFENDER SERVICES  
OF EASTERN TENNESSEE, INC.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_



Erin P. Rust  
Assistant Federal Defender

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of this Motion has been served upon the Solicitor General of the United States, Room 5616, Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W., Washington, DC 20530-0001, and Assistant United States Attorney Luke McLaurin, by placing a true copy of the same in the United States Mail, with sufficient postage to deliver the same to its destination.

This the 17th day of January 2018.



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