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In The Supreme Court of the United States

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PAUL WAYNE SLATER,
Petitioner,

v.

LORIE DAVIS, DIRECTOR,
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE,
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION,
Respondent.

♦
ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES:

Petitioner, Paul Wayne Slater, files this Motion For Leave To Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*, and would show as follows:

I.

Petitioner was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death in Harris County, Texas, in 1996. His conviction was affirmed on appeal in 1998. State habeas corpus relief was denied in 2014. The district court denied relief and a certificate of appealability (COA) in 2017. The Fifth Circuit denied a COA on January 15, 2018, and denied rehearing on February 16, 2018.

II.

Petitioner has filed a petition for a writ of certiorari. He moves for leave to file the petition without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Counsel were appointed by the district court pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3599(a)(2) on February 5, 2015, and have represented petitioner at every stage of the proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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