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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

JOHN RAMIREZ,

Petitioner,

v.

BRYAN COLLIER, Executive Director, Texas Department of Criminal Justice; BOBBY LUMPKIN, Director, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Institutions Division; DENNIS CROWLEY, Warden, TDCJ, Huntsville, TX,

Respondents,

**On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit**

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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<p>This is a capital case. Mr. Ramirez is set for execution September 8, 2021, 6 p.m. CT.</p>
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Petitioner John Ramirez, through undersigned counsel, moves pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39.1 for leave to proceed in forma pauperis in his concurrently filed Petition for Writ of Certiorari. Petitioner is indigent; he has sought and been appointed counsel throughout the proceedings below in state and federal court.

As to his federal proceedings, in April 2017, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas appointed Seth Kretzer as counsel pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A.

Undersigned counsel hereby certify that Mr. Ramirez is incarcerated and remains indigent at present. Mr. Ramirez respectfully requests that this Court allow him to proceed in forma pauperis.

DATED this 7th day of September, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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