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IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Zephaniah S. Edwards — PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

VS.

Bland Management — 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):

United States District court - District Court of Columbia  
US Court of Appeals - Richmond, VA 23219  
US District Court, Alexandria, VA

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.

Zephaniah S. Edwards  
(Signature)

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

I, Zephaniah S. Edwards, 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.

<b>Income source</b>	<b>Average monthly amount during the past 12 months</b>		<b>Amount expected next month</b>	
	<b>You</b>	<b>Spouse</b>	<b>You</b>	<b>Spouse</b>
Employment	\$ <u>13,920</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Gifts.	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>899</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
<b>Total monthly income:</b>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</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
<u>List on separate page (List of Employment History)</u>			
			\$
			\$
			\$

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
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 0  
 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
Checking	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Savings	\$ .44	\$ N/A
	\$	\$

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

Home  
 Value N/A

Other real estate  
 Value N/A

Motor Vehicle #1  
 Year, make & model N/A  
 Value N/A

Motor Vehicle #2  
 Year, make & model N/A  
 Value N/A

Other assets  
 Description 401(k) + Stock from Federal Express (combined)  
 Value \$ 364.90

## LIST OF EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

(2023-2025)

This document will include my most recent employer, its address, date of employment and the date employment ended, also the gross monthly pay, in this order.

1. Federal Express- 2020 Sycilin Rd, Lessburg, VA 20175  
3/2025-5/2025- \$1,600
2. Party City- 10700 Fairfax Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22030  
1/2025-2/2025- \$650
3. Burlington Coat Factory- 11284 James Swart Cir. Fairfax, VA 22030  
10/2024-12/2024- \$800
4. Target- 2905 District Ave Ste 400, Fairfax, VA 22031  
8/2024-10/2024- \$970
5. Wawa- 9700 Fairfax Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22031  
7/2024-7/2024- \$1,500
6. UPS- 4455 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly, VA 20151  
6/2024-4/2024- \$1,440
7. Macy's- 8000 Tyson's Corner Center, McLean, VA 22102  
2/2024-3/2024- \$1,200
8. Federal Express- 23723 Air Freight Lane #100, Dulles, VA 20166  
1/2024-3/2024- \$500

9. Nordstrom Rack- 12199 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax, VA 22033

10/2023- 11/2023- \$1,500

10. JC Penny's 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax, VA 22033

4/2023- 9/2023- \$1,130

11. Extended Stay America- 14036 Thunderbolt Place, Chantilly, VA 20151

7/2023-8/2023- \$1,430

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
<u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
<u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
<u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

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
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>

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)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
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)	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Food	\$ <u>300</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Clothing	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ <u>40</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Medical and dental expenses	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ 100	\$ N/A
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Life	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Health	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Motor Vehicle	\$ 48	\$ N/A
Other: <u>N/A</u>	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Credit card(s)	\$ 130	\$ N/A
Department store(s)	\$ 30	\$ N/A
Other: <u>N/A</u>	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Other (specify): <u>N/A</u>	\$ 0	\$ N/A
<b>Total monthly expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 748</b>	<b>\$ N/A</b>

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? N/A

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

N/A

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? N/A

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

N/A

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

I cannot pay because I do not have assets. My savings account is depleted. I am unable to maintain stable employment; I'm only able to find part time and temp. positions.

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

Executed on: June 17, 2025

Zephaniah S. Edwards  
(Signature)

SUPREME COURT FO THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

DECLARATION

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QUESTION 9:

Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your  
assists or liabilities during the next 12 months?

ANSWER:

Yes, I expect to start new employment.

"I, Zephaniah S. Edwards declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and  
correct."

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