

No. 25-6093

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

SHARI LYNN OLIVER, *Petitioner*,

v.

MATTHEW WARREN OLIVER, *Respondent*

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ORIGINAL

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner, Shari Lynn Oliver, respectfully requests leave to file the accompanying petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

- Petitioner was previously granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this Court in Case No. 24-5665.
- Petitioner has also requested leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in *Oliver v. McDonald et al.*, Case No. 2:25-cv-12854, filed September 9, 2025, and a response is pending.
- Petitioner was previously granted a motion fee waiver in the Oakland County Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit of Michigan, in Case No. 2020-880855-DM. However, that waiver was revoked in August 2025 by Judge Julie A. McDonald—who is a named defendant in the above-referenced federal action—after she denied a motion for disqualification, imposed a \$1,500 filing bond, and refused to refer the disqualification issue to an out-of-county judge. Petitioner's subsequent attempt to challenge the filing bond triggered the revocation.

- Petitioner's supporting affidavit/declaration is attached hereto.

Executed on September 22, 2025.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shari Lynn O'Brien", written over a horizontal line.

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

I, Shari L. Oliver, 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.

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	\$ 0	\$ N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Self-employment	\$ 0	\$ N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ 0	\$ N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Interest and dividends	\$ 0	\$ N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Gifts	\$ 300	\$ N/A	\$ 400	\$ N/A
Alimony	\$ 0	\$ N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Child Support	\$ 0	\$ N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ 0	\$ N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ 0	\$ N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Unemployment payments	\$ 0	\$ N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ 0	\$ N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Other (specify): <u>N/A</u>	\$ 0	\$ N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Total monthly income:	\$ 300	\$ N/A	\$ 400	\$ N/A

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
None	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
			\$
			\$

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
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 50
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	\$ 240	\$ N/A
checking	\$ 10	\$ N/A
savings	\$ 3	\$ 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 2015 Ford Edge
Value \$4,500

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

☒ Other assets Bitcoin
Description
Value \$50

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

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
M.A.O.	Daughter	13
M.L.O.	Son	10

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)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Are real estate taxes included? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is property insurance included? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 35	\$ N/A
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Food	\$ 200	\$ N/A
Clothing	\$ 5	\$ N/A
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 0	\$ N/A

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ 50	\$ N/A
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ 5	\$ 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	\$ 100	\$ N/A
Other: N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Credit card(s)	\$ 130	\$ N/A
Department store(s)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Other: N/A	\$ 0	\$ 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>for children:travel/food/entertain/gift</u>	\$ 350	\$ N/A
Total monthly expenses:	\$ 875	\$ N/A

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.

See attached sheet.

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

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(Signature)

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Attached Sheet

9.

Yes. I currently reside with my mother, who provides housing and basic living support. I also am currently unemployed, have no stable income, and face a newly imposed \$1,408/month child support order, retroactive to May 14, 2025, that is being appealed. Continued enforcement may result in additional debt or incarceration, which would further affect my financial situation. I am also actively involved in multiple legal proceedings, which may increase my expenses over the next 12 months.

12.

I am unemployed and have been unable to obtain work despite continued efforts. I currently have over \$7,750 in credit card debt and no income. I am involved in multiple ongoing legal proceedings, including appeals and federal litigation concerning serious constitutional violations. A Michigan family court recently imposed a \$1,408/month child support order against me—retroactive to May 14—even though I am indigent and without employment. I must appeal that order as well.

I cannot afford the \$300 Supreme Court filing fee or the additional costs of printing and serving the required booklet-format copies of a petition for writ of certiorari. These costs are prohibitive, and without relief I will be unable to pursue my case before this Court.