

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2026

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JOHN PEARL SMITH, II,  
PETITIONER ,  
vs.  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
RESPONDENT.

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

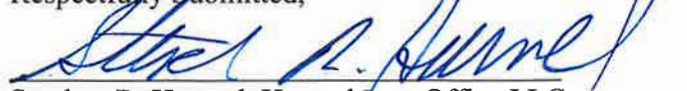
Pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, § 1915(a) and Rule 39 of this Court, applicant ask for leave to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals without prepayment of fees or costs *in forma pauperis*.

The undersigned was appointed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. Therefore, it is requested that the Court grant leave to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of fees or costs *in forma pauperis* for Petitioner.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of American, the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,



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