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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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Julian Francis Bates PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

General Motors — 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):

☒ 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.

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Julian Bates,

Petitioner

v.

General Motors,

Respondent

Case No.

**AFFIDAVIT ACCOMPANYING MOTION
FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAL IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

Affidavit in Support of Motion

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that, because of my poverty, I cannot prepay the docket fees of my appeal or post a bond for them. I believe I am entitled to redress. I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury under United States laws that my answers on this form are true and correct. (28 U.S.C. § 1746; 18 U.S.C. § 1621.)

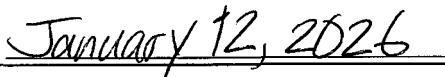
Signed:



Instructions

Complete all questions in this application and then sign it. Do not leave any blanks: if the answer to a question is "0," "none," or "not applicable (N/A)," write in that response. If you need more space to answer a question or to explain your answer, attach a separate sheet of paper identified with your name, your case's docket number, and the question number.

Date:



My issues on appeal are:

Petitioner Julian Bates experienced unlawful Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI)-related discrimination by his former employer General Motors. On March 19, 2025, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and Department of Justice (DOJ) warned against such unlawful Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI)-related discrimination. Additionally, this case while in the lower courts (USCA6 No. 24-2004 & MIED No. 23-cv-11071), violated Bates' implicit guarantee of equal protection under the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution. See U.S. Const. amend. V, § 6.1. The District Court ordered Bates to follow a rule that the opposing party was not ordered to follow, which gave Respondent, General Motors, an unfair advantage in the case. Additionally, the Fourteenth Amendment's Due Process Clause guarantees Bates procedural due process, meaning that lower court judges must follow certain procedures before they may deprive a person of a protected life, liberty, or property interest. See

U.S. Const. amend. XIV, § 1.3.

The issues to be presented in Petitioner's case are complex, very serious and the required booklets are too expensive right now for me to purchase professional copies. Bates' is protecting his rights as explained by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Department of Justice (DOJ) and the United States Constitution.

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	\$6,400	\$	\$0.00	\$
Self-employment	\$0	\$	\$0	\$
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$0	\$	\$0	\$
Interest and dividends	\$0	\$	\$0	\$
Gifts	\$0	\$	\$0	\$
Alimony	\$0	\$	\$0	\$
Child support	\$0	\$	\$0	\$
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$0	\$	\$0	\$
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$0	\$	\$0	\$
Unemployment payments	\$0	\$	\$1448	\$
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$0	\$	\$0	\$
Other (specify):	\$0	\$	\$0	\$

Total monthly income:	\$6400	\$	\$1448	\$
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2. *List your 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
Stellantis	1000 Chrysler Dr, Auburn Hills, MI 48326	January 16, 2024- December 12, 2025	\$6,400
			\$
			\$

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
			\$
			\$
			\$

4. *How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$1,229.20*

Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Financial Institution	Type of Account	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
Bank of America	Personal Checking	\$1,229.20	\$0
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

If you are a prisoner seeking to appeal a judgment in a civil action or proceeding, you must attach a statement certified by the appropriate institutional officer showing all receipts,

expenditures, and balances during the last six months in your institutional accounts. If you have multiple accounts, perhaps because you have been in multiple institutions, attach one certified statement of each account.

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

Home	Other real estate	Motor vehicle #1
(Value) \$	(Value) \$	(Value) \$9,000
80,000	100,000	Make and year: Cadillac 2017
		Model: CTS
		Registration #:

Motor vehicle #2	Other assets	Other assets
(Value) \$	(Value) \$	(Value) \$
Make and year:		
Model:		
Registration #:		

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
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

7. *State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support.*

Name [or, if under 18, initials only]	Relationship	Age
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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, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate.*

	You	Your Spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home) Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	\$0 Both homes fully paid for.	\$
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$370	\$
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$100	\$
Food	\$200	\$
Clothing	\$0	\$
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$0	\$
Medical and dental expenses	\$0	\$
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$100	\$
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$250	\$
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's:	\$0	\$
Life:	\$0	\$
Health:	\$0	\$
Motor vehicle:	\$0	\$
Other:	\$0	\$
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments) (specify): Property Taxes	\$1000	\$
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle:	\$336	\$

Credit card (name):	\$0	\$
Department store (name):	\$0	\$
Other:	\$0	\$
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$0	\$
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$0	\$
Other (specify):	\$	\$
Total monthly expenses:	\$1,814	\$

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

I should be able to find another job, settle lawsuits and/or make investment income.

10. *Have you spent — or will you be spending — any money for expenses or attorney fees in connection with this lawsuit?* ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how much? A lot, depositions, printing are estimated to be \$4,500.

11. *Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the docket fees for your appeal.*

Unfortunately, I recently separated from my last employer on December 12, 2025.
Currently looking for work.

12. *State the city and state of your legal residence.* Detroit, Michigan

Your daytime phone number: (313) 332-9821

Your age: 40 *Your years of schooling:* 20 years, Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering with some Graduate school courses completed.

Last four digits of your social-security number: 7749