

In the
Supreme Court of the United States

HAMED KIAN,

Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE
FLORIDA DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, FOURTH DISTRICT

Brief of *Amicus Curiae*
Maricopa County Indigent Representation Offices
In Support of Petitioner

Motion for Leave to File Amicus Brief Supporting Petitioner

Amicus Curiae, the Maricopa County Indigent Representation Offices, hereby asks for leave to file an Amicus Brief in support of Petitioner Hamed Kian. Pursuant to Rule 37.2, amicus informed counsel of record for all parties of its intention to file this brief on July 23, 2026, more than 10 days before its due date. Counsel of record for each party consented to the filing of this brief on the same date. Both are attached.

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

August 11, 2026

/s/ Mikel Steinfeld

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Understood. Thanks Mikel.

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