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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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MATTHEW LEE PELTON,

*Petitioner,*

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Respondent.*

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On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the  
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit  
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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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3006A

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Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006(A)(d)(7) and Rule 39 of this court, Petitioner Matthew Pelton respectfully asks for leave to file the attached Amended Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit without prepayment of fees or costs, and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Undersigned counsel has been appointed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A to represent Mr. Pelton on appeal. The order appointing undersigned counsel is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted this 24th of February, 2026.

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