

CASE NO. _____
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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| Merwin Smith, |) |
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| Petitioner, |) |
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| v. |) |
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| United States of America, |) |
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| Respondent. |) |

Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis

Comes now Petitioner Merwin Smith, by appointed counsel, Assistant Federal Public Defender Melissa K. Goymerac, and requests that the Court permit Petitioner to proceed in forma pauperis with regard to this Petition for a Writ of Certiorari which counsel is filing on his behalf.

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri appointed the Federal Public Defender’s Office to represent Petitioner pursuant to the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. The United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit also appointed that office to represent Petitioner in proceedings before that Court under the same authority. Undersigned counsel, as a member of the staff of the Federal Public Defender’s Office, represented Petitioner during these proceedings.

Undersigned counsel knows of no change in circumstances which would affect the earlier determinations that Petitioner should be granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

Wherefore, for the above stated reasons and pursuant to Rule 39 of the Supreme Court Rules, Petitioner requests that he be granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

Dated: April 21, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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