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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MING HONG ZHENG (PRO SE) — PETITIONER

VS.

HALLIBURTON ENERGY SERVICES, INC. — 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):

Granted in New York Northern District Court. Carried over to the U.S. Court of Appeals - Second Circuit, the Wyoming District Court, and the U.S. Court of Appeals - Tenth Circuit.

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.

Ming Hong Zheng
(Signature)

**AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

I, Ming Hong Zheng, am the petitioner in the above-entitled case. In support of my motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, I state that because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of this case or to give security therefor; and I believe I am entitled to redress.

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	\$916.67	\$N/A	\$0	\$N/A
Self-employment	\$0	\$N/A	\$0	\$N/A
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$0	\$N/A	\$0	\$N/A
Interest and dividends	\$0	\$N/A	\$0	\$N/A
Gifts	\$0	\$N/A	\$0	\$N/A
Alimony	\$0	\$N/A	\$0	\$N/A
Child Support	\$0	\$N/A	\$0	\$N/A
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$0	\$N/A	\$0	\$N/A
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$0	\$N/A	\$0	\$N/A
Unemployment payments	\$681.25	\$N/A	\$0	\$N/A
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$0	\$N/A	\$0	\$N/A
Other (specify): N/A	\$0	\$N/A	\$0	\$N/A
Total monthly income:	\$1,597.92	\$N/A	\$0	\$N/A

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
Global Threat Solutions LLC	515 Madison Ave #8004 NY, NY 10022	Jun. 2025 - Aug. 2025	\$4,333.33
AFH Industries Inc.	110 W. 34th Street New York, NY 10001	Jan. 2025 - Feb. 2025	\$5,416.67
Experis	110 Manpower Place Milwaukee, WI 53212	Oct. 2024 - Nov. 2024	\$3,638.14

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
N/A	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 30 _____
 Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Type of account (e.g., checking or savings)	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
Checking	\$ 4,379.35	\$ N/A
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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

- Home
Value N/A _____
- Other real estate
Value N/A _____
- Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model _____
Value N/A _____
- Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model _____
Value N/A _____
- Other assets
Description N/A _____
Value N/A _____

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
N/A	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. For minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

Name	Relationship	Age
N/A	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Your spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$ 1,150 _____	\$ N/A _____
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		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 0 _____	\$ N/A _____
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ 0 _____	\$ N/A _____
Food	\$ 295 _____	\$ N/A _____
Clothing	\$ 0 _____	\$ N/A _____
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 0 _____	\$ N/A _____
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 115.83 _____	\$ N/A _____

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$80 _____	\$N/A _____
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$44.94 _____	\$N/A _____
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$0 _____	\$N/A _____
Life	\$0 _____	\$N/A _____
Health	\$0 _____	\$N/A _____
Motor Vehicle	\$0 _____	\$N/A _____
Other: Storage _____	\$16.46 _____	\$N/A _____
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): N/A _____	\$0 _____	\$N/A _____
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$0 _____	\$N/A _____
Credit card(s)	\$0 _____	\$N/A _____
Department store(s)	\$0 _____	\$N/A _____
Other: _____	\$0 _____	\$N/A _____
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$0 _____	\$N/A _____
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$0 _____	\$N/A _____
Other (specify): <u>Subscriptions and storage rental</u>	\$ 169.49 _____	\$N/A _____
Total monthly expenses:	\$1,871.72 _____	\$N/A _____

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

If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

10. Have you paid – or will you be paying – an attorney any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

Yes

No

If yes, how much? _____

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number:

11. Have you paid—or will you be paying—anyone other than an attorney (such as a paralegal or a typist) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

Yes

No

If yes, how much? _____

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

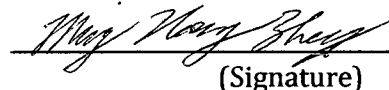
12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

Answering question 12 (and question 9): I am currently unemployed, and my unemployment benefits expired at the end of April 2026. In light of the ongoing instability of the job market, my limited financial resources, and the high cost of living in New York City—including rent, medical and dental expenses, and other essential living costs—I am unable to pay the expenses associated with this matter.

At present, my remaining funds are necessary to cover basic living expenses, and I do not have the financial capacity to incur additional obligations without jeopardizing my ability to meet these essential needs. (Looking ahead over the next twelve months, I anticipate continued job market instability and a corresponding increase in living expenses, further limiting my ability to assume additional financial burdens.)

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

Executed on May 13 , 2026



(Signature)