

No. 25-5589

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Shane Stevens, *Petitioner*,

v.

State of Colorado, *Respondent*.

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMENDED PETITION FOR WRIT OF  
CERTIORARI OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR A 30-DAY EXTENSION OF  
TIME TO FILE A RULE 33.1-COMPLIANT PETITION WITH IDENTICAL  
CONTENT TO THE ORIGINAL PETITION FILED UNDER RULE 33.2**

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To the Honorable Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States:

Petitioner, *Shane Stevens, pro se*, respectfully moves for (1) leave to file the amended Petition for Writ of Certiorari previously tendered in Rule 33.1 booklet form, or, in the alternative, (2) a 30-day extension of time to file a Rule 33.1-compliant petition containing the same content and wording as the Petition originally filed pursuant to Rule 33.2.

This motion is filed pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 21, 30, 33.1, and 33.2.

**GROUND FOR THE REQUESTED RELIEF**

**1. Procedural History**

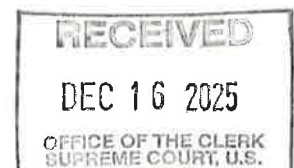
Petitioner timely filed his Petition for Writ of Certiorari under Rule 33.2 along with a Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis, and used the forms provided in the 2023 “Guide for Prospective Indigent Petitioners for Writs of Certiorari.” That motion was subsequently denied without explanation, converting Petitioner’s filing obligations to Rule 33.1.

Petitioner then re-submitted his Petition in booklet form pursuant to Rule 33.1, within the time allowed by the Clerk. However, the Clerk’s Office rejected the submission because the content differed from the earlier Rule 33.2 petition.

**2. The changes were stylistic, clarifying, and made in good faith**

The revised Rule 33.1 petition:

- contained the same issues,



- sought the same relief,
- and presented the same federal questions (albeit re-worded)

The changes consisted only of:

- rephrasing for clarity,
- improving organization,
- correcting minor linguistic redundancies, and
- modestly reducing the length to minimize printing costs.

No new arguments were added; none were removed.

3. The modifications were driven by indigency and the cost of Rule 33.1 compliance

Petitioner—whose IFP motion was denied—faces significant financial hardship in meeting the Rule 33.1 printing requirements. Producing the required 40 copies of a full-length petition costs approximately \$1,300, which Petitioner cannot readily pay.

The edits in the amended petition were undertaken solely to reduce the printing burden—not to circumvent content restrictions or alter the substance of the case.

4. No prejudice will result to Respondent

Respondent has:

- not yet filed any brief,
- suffered no reliance interest on the earlier wording,
- and will face no prejudice from the clarified version of the same issues.

The amendments streamline, not alter, the underlying constitutional questions.

5. Extraordinary circumstances warrant relief

Given the imminent deadline set by the Clerk, Petitioner faces the risk of:

- procedural dismissal solely for financial reasons,
- despite having timely invoked the Court's jurisdiction,
- and despite attempting to comply in good faith with Rule 33.1.

The Supreme Court has inherent authority to accept an amended petition (Rule 21; Court's supervisory power), especially where doing so prevents unjust forfeiture of review based solely on form rather than substance.

## REQUEST FOR RELIEF

### A. Primary Relief Requested — Motion to Accept Amended Petition

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court accept for filing the amended Petition for Writ of Certiorari already tendered in Rule 33.1 booklet format, as the amendments were made because Petitioner could no longer use the filled out forms provided in the 2023 “Guide for Prospective Indigent Petitioners for Writs of Certiorari” and are non-substantive, non-prejudicial, and made solely to reduce Rule 33.1 printing costs.

### B. Alternative Relief — Motion for 30-Day Extension

In the event the amended petition is not accepted, Petitioner respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time to file a Rule 33.1 booklet-format petition containing identical wording and content to the original petition filed under Rule 33.2.

This extension is necessary because:

- Petitioner has less than one day to comply,
- substantial printing expenses must be incurred, and
- failure to extend time will result in the involuntary dismissal of the Petition for reasons unrelated to its merits.

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court:

1. grant leave to file the amended Petition for Writ of Certiorari, or
2. in the alternative, grant Petitioner a 30-day extension to refile a Rule 33.1-compliant petition containing identical content to his earlier Rule 33.2 filing.

Respectfully submitted on 03rd, day of December, 2025.

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