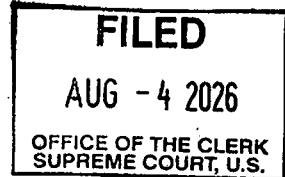


26-5286

ORIGINAL

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES



Julian R. Hood Jr — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

U.S. Merit System Protection Board — 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):

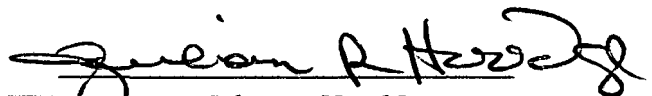
☒ Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

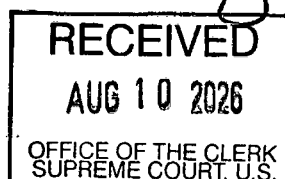
☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

☐ The appointment was made under the following provision of law: _____, or

☐ a copy of the order of appointment is appended.



Julian R. Hood Jr
Pro Se



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

I, _____, 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	\$ 4,583.33	\$ 5,292.80	\$ 4,583.33	\$ 5,292.80
Self-employment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Interest and dividends	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Gifts	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Alimony	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Child Support	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ 1,572	\$ 0	\$ 1,572	\$ 0
Unemployment payments	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other (specify): _____	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total monthly income:	\$ 6,155.33	\$ 5,292.80	\$ 6,155.33	\$ 5,292.80

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
Farmer's	San Diego CA	04/2022 - Present	\$4,583.33
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

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
Comerica	_____	12/2018 - Present	\$ 5,292.80
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ _____
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	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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

☐ Home
Value _____

☐ Other real estate
Value _____

☐ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model 2019, GMC Acadia
Value \$8,000

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model 2013 Honda Accord
Value \$7,000

☐ Other assets
Description _____
Value _____

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	\$ 0	\$ 0
N/A	\$ 0	\$ 0
N/A	\$ 0	\$ 0

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
Jaylen Hood	Son	24
Dolores Dominguez	Mother in law	67

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)	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700
Are real estate taxes included? Yes		
Is property insurance included? No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 450	\$ 450
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ 150	\$ 150
Food	\$ 500	\$ 500
Clothing	\$ 100	\$ 300
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 0	\$ 0
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 350	\$ 350

	You	Spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$500	\$500
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$0	\$0
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ 75	\$ 75
Life	\$ 0	\$ 0
Health	\$ 0	\$ 0
Motor Vehicle	\$ 350	\$ 350
Other: _____	\$ 0	\$0
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$0	\$0
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ 320	\$ 0
Credit card(s)	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,800
Department store(s)	\$ 150	\$ 150
Other: <u>Care Credit</u> _____	\$ 200	\$0
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ 0	\$ 0
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (specify): <u>Internet expense due to remote work</u>	\$ 175	\$ 175
Total monthly expenses:	\$ 6,670	\$6,500

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

Change in liabilities for medical expenses for an upcoming surgery for my dependent. We live in Escondido CA but the surgery will be performed in New York City

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? No

If yes, how much? 0

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

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?

No

If yes, how much? _____

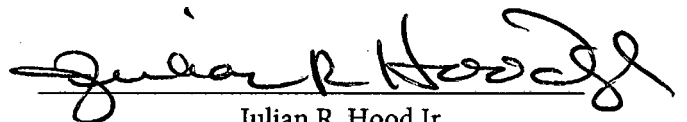
If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

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

Both I and my spouse will be taking time off from work to assist in the care of our dependent who will be have major surgery soon. The procedure is taking place in New York City and we currently reside in Escondido CA. There will be transportation, lodging, and meal expenses that we would not normally incur.

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

Executed on, August 5, 2026



Julian R. Hood Jr
Pro Se

No. _____

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JULIAN R. HOOD, JR.,

Petitioner,

v.

MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD,

Respondent.

DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE

TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

I, Julian R. Hood, Jr., declare as follows:

1. I am the petitioner in this proceeding and submit this declaration in support of my Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis.
2. During the preceding calendar year, my total gross employment income was approximately \$55,000. I receive lost wage-earning capacity benefits from FECA in the amount of \$1,572 per month. My average gross monthly income was therefore approximately \$6,155, before deductions for federal and state taxes, Social Security, Medicare, insurance, and other payroll deductions.
3. My necessary monthly financial obligations substantially exceed my available monthly income. My approximate monthly expenses and obligations include:
 - a. Rent: \$3,400;
 - b. Utilities: \$900;

- c. Insurance obligations: \$750;
- d. Food and household necessities: \$1,000; and
- e. Minimum payments and other obligations on credit cards and consumer credit accounts: approximately \$2,000.

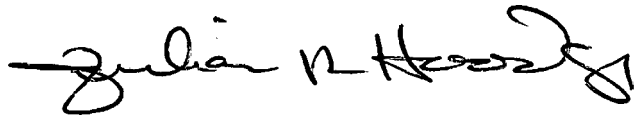
- 4. These obligations total approximately \$8,050 per month, before accounting for transportation, gasoline, medical expenses, clothing, personal necessities, taxes, and unexpected expenses.
- 5. I am substantially overextended on credit and have little or no disposable income after paying, or attempting to pay, my necessary living expenses and minimum debt obligations. I have completely depleted my savings.
- 6. Although I am employed and do not claim to be completely destitute, I do not have sufficient available funds to pay the Supreme Court filing fee and the substantial commercial printing, copying, binding, mailing, and service costs required for a paid booklet-format petition without impairing my ability to pay rent, utilities, food, insurance, and other basic obligations.
- 7. I have already been required to conserve limited funds to pay the printing, copying, and mailing expenses associated with submitting my petition in the form permitted for an indigent petitioner.
- 8. I am not seeking in forma pauperis status merely to avoid paying costs that I can reasonably afford. Based on my income, expenses, debts, and present financial condition, requiring me to pay the filing fee and paid-case booklet-

production costs would create a serious financial hardship and would interfere with my ability to meet ordinary and necessary living expenses.

9. The information contained in this declaration and in the accompanying financial affidavit is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Court may deny in forma pauperis status if any statement is false, misleading, or materially incomplete.

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

Executed on August 5, 2026, at Escondido, California.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julian R. Hood, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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