

No. 26-_____

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Elijah Chappell,

Petitioner,

vs.

United States of America,

Respondent

**On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to
the United States Court of Appeals
for the Sixth Circuit**

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Pursuant to Rule 39 of the Rules of this Court, the Petitioner, Elijah Chappell, asks leave to file his Petition for a Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs, and to proceed in forma pauperis.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3006A (the Criminal Justice Act), the Petitioner has previously been appointed counsel by the District Court, and that appointment continued through the United States Court of Appeals. Petitioner's counsel is the CJA appointed trial and appellate counsel. Because the court below appointed counsel for the Petitioner, no affidavit or declaration is required. See Sup. Ct. R.

39.1. Petitioner is incarcerated in the Federal Bureau of Prisons and remains indigent.

Respectfully submitted,

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