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COMES NOW Petitioner, Aaron F. Pepple, by his attorney, Rebecca Kurz, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Western District of Missouri, and moves this Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1915, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7) and Sup. Ct. R. 39.1 and .2, for leave to file a petition for writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit without prepayment of docket or other fees, and to proceed In Forma Pauperis. The petition accompanies this motion.

Mr. Pepple was indicted on April 24, 2024, in the United States District Court, Western District of Missouri, for possession of a firearm. United States Magistrate Judge Lajuana M. Counts appointed the Federal Public Defender Office to represent Mr. Pepple pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(b), on April 26, 2024. That same date, Mr. Pepple filed an affidavit of financial status.

Following Mr. Pepple's sentencing, he appealed his conviction and sentence. On appeal, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit ordered the Federal Defender to continue to represent Mr. Pepple without payment of fees or costs or security and without filing the affidavit required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), all pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7).

Because both the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit permitted Mr. Pepple to proceed In Forma Pauperis and appointed counsel for him, no affidavit in support of this Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis in this Court is required. 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7) and Sup. Ct. R. 39.1.

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