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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
PHILLIP SCOTT GRIGALANZ,
Petitioner,

v.

ELIZABETH MARIE COPAS,
Respondent.

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE
COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
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.

Petitioner was granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis in the Nevada appellate proceedings. The Nevada Supreme Court docket reflects that the filing fee was waived on November 17, 2025, in No. 91619.

Petitioner's declaration in support of this motion is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

I, Phillip Scott Grigalanz, am the petitioner in the above-entitled case. I am unmarried and have no dependents. My sole source of income is \$1,808 per month in veterans disability benefits. I own no real property, no motor vehicles, have no debts, and have no other source of income. The combined present balance of all financial accounts is \$43.00. In support of my motion to proceed in forma pauperis, I declare that I am unable to pay the costs of these proceedings and that the following information is true and complete.

IMPORTANT: Every item below must be completed before filing. Enter "0" or "N/A" rather than leaving an item unanswered.

1. Income. For each source, state the average monthly amount received during the past 12 months and the amount expected next month. Use gross amounts unless the source is customarily reported net.

Income source	You: avg./mo. past 12 mos.	Spouse: avg./mo. past 12 mos.	You: expected next month	Spouse: expected next month
Employment	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	N/A
Self-employment	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	N/A
Income from real property	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	N/A
Interest and dividends	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	N/A
Gifts	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	N/A
Alimony	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	N/A
Child support	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	N/A
Retirement/pension	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	N/A
Veterans disability benefits	\$1,808.00	N/A	\$1,808.00	N/A
Unemployment payments	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	N/A
Public assistance	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	N/A
Other (specify)	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	N/A
TOTAL	\$1,808.00	N/A	\$1,808.00	N/A

2. Employment history for the past two years.

Employer and address	Dates employed	Gross monthly pay	Current?
Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

3. Spouse employment history for the past two years: N/A — Petitioner is unmarried.

Employer and address	Dates employed	Gross monthly pay	Current?
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

4. Cash and financial accounts.

Cash on hand: Not provided

Checking, savings, and other financial accounts — combined present balance: \$43.00

Savings account(s): Included in combined balance above

Other financial account(s): Included in combined balance above

5. Assets. Petitioner owns no real property. State the current value of any other asset and any amount still owed against it.

Asset	Current value	Amount owed
Home	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other real estate	\$0.00	\$0.00

Motor vehicle 1: None	\$0.00	\$0.00
Motor vehicle 2: None	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other assets: None reported	\$0.00	\$0.00

6. Money owed to you or your spouse.

Money owed to Petitioner: Not provided

Additional amounts owed to Petitioner: Not provided

7. Dependents. List each person who depends on you for support and your relationship to that person. Use initials for minor children.

Initials/name	Relationship	Age
None	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A

8. Average monthly expenses.

Expense	Monthly amount
Rent or mortgage payment	\$1,441.00
Real-estate taxes (if not included above)	\$0.00
Property/renter insurance (if not included above)	Not provided
Utilities	\$200.00 (electricity, approx.)
Home maintenance	Not provided
Food	Not provided
Clothing	Not provided
Laundry/dry cleaning	Not provided
Medical and dental expenses	Not provided
Transportation	Not provided
Recreation/entertainment	Not provided
Life insurance	\$0.00
Health insurance	Not provided
Automobile insurance	\$0.00
Other insurance	Not provided
Taxes not deducted from income	Not provided
Auto installment payment	\$0.00
Credit-card installment payment	\$0.00
Department-store installment payment	\$0.00
Other installment payments	\$0.00
Alimony/maintenance/support	\$0.00
Business operating expenses	\$0.00
Other: home internet and cellular service	\$120.00 (home internet \$60 + cell phone \$60)
TOTAL	\$1,761.00 known recurring expenses

9. Expected major changes in income, assets, or expenses.

[X] No [] Yes. If yes, explain: Not provided

10. Attorney payments.

Have you paid, or will you pay, an attorney for services in connection with this case? [X] No [] Yes

Amount: Not provided Attorney name/address/phone: Not provided

11. Other payments for this case.

Has anyone other than an attorney paid, or promised to pay, any expenses or fees for this case? [X] No [] Yes

Amount: Not provided Name/address/phone: Not provided

12. Other information showing inability to pay.

Petitioner is unmarried and has no dependents. His sole income is \$1,808 per month in veterans disability benefits. He owns no real property or motor vehicles, has no debts, has no other source of

income, and has a combined present balance of \$43.00 in all financial accounts. His specified recurring monthly expenses are \$1,441 for rent, approximately \$200 for electricity, \$60 for home internet, and \$60 for cellular service, totaling approximately \$1,761 per month. This leaves approximately \$47 per month before food, clothing, medical, transportation, and other ordinary living necessities.

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

Executed on: August 7, 2026.

/s/ Phillip Scott Grigalanz
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