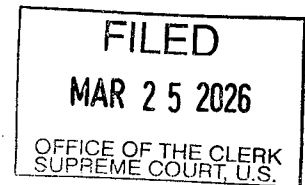


No. 26-5663 **ORIGINAL**

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES



Austin Koeckeritz — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

United States of America 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):

11-08-2024 US Court of Appeals 7th circuit

☐ 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.


(Signature)

**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	\$ 0	\$ NA	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Self-employment	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Interest and dividends	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Gifts	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Alimony	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Child Support	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Unemployment payments	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Other (specify): <u>Family Donation</u>	\$ 150-200	\$	\$ 175.00	\$
Total monthly income:	\$ 150.00-200 dollars	\$	\$ 150-200 dollars	\$

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

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

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

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

☐ Home
Value N/A

☐ Other real estate
Value N/A

☐ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model N/A
Value N/A

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model N/A
Value N/A

☐ Other assets
Description N/A
Value N/A

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
<u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Food	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Clothing	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Medical and dental expenses	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

Restitution payment 140⁰⁰ per month

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Life	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Health	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): <u>Restitution Payment</u>	\$ <u>140⁰⁰</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>140⁰⁰</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

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

☒ No

If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

N/A

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? ☒ Yes ☒ 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?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, how much? 0

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

N/A

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

Restitution is 410,000 dollars approx 140⁰⁰ per month taken out of family donations. Already paying for court costs garnished from family donation. Leaving \$30⁰⁰ dollars per month to buy stamps, type writer, hygien supplies, ribbon.

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

Executed on: Sept 7, 2026 . 20 26

(Signature)

THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Austin Koeckeritz, Petitioner

v.

USA, Respondent

No. _____

UPDATED MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

1. Statement of Indigency

Petitioner declares under penalty of perjury that he/she is financially unable to pay the filing fees and other costs associated with this petition. Specifically:

- Petitioner is incarcerated at Seagoville FCI and does not have a prison job or any earned income.
- Petitioner's family provides limited financial support, approximately \$200 per month, which is used to cover restitution, and commissary expenses, leaving no funds available for filing fees or legal costs.
- Petitioner has a \$410,000 restitution judgment against him, which further burdens his ability to pay.
- Petitioner has 65,000 in student loan dept
- Petitioner was just informed that his new IFRP is not 140.00 per month.

2. Supporting Financial Information

Item	Details
Employment	None (incarcerated, no prison job)
Monthly Income	\$0
Family Support	\$200/month (applied to restitution and commissary)
Assets	None available for legal fees
Liabilities	\$410,000 restitution judgment; ongoing court-related costs, \$65,000 in federal student loans for college. \$140 per month for IFRP payment
Living Expenses	All family support goes toward mandatory restitution, commissary.
Petitioner affirms that the above information is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge.	

3. Certification

Petitioner certifies that:

1. The petition for writ of certiorari is filed in good faith.
2. The petition raises substantial federal constitutional questions warranting this Court's review.
3. Petitioner has no other means to pay the filing fee without undue hardship.
4. A current copy of Petitioner's trust fund account statement is attached. The statement does not yet reflect the recent increase in the Inmate Financial Responsibility Program (IFRP) payment from \$50.00 per month to \$140.00 per month.

4. Conclusion and Prayer

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant leave to proceed in forma pauperis, waive all filing fees, and consider the petition for writ of certiorari filed concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Austin Koeckeritz Date 7-21-24

Austin Koeckeritz #41160510

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