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IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

RICHARD BARGE,
Petitioner,
v.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent.

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

PROOF OF SERVICE

State of Illinois)
) ss
County of Peoria)

THOMAS W. PATTON, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. That on September 21, 2026, the original and ten copies of the petition for writ of certiorari and motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the above-entitled case were deposited with Federal Express in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, properly addressed to the Clerk of the United States Supreme Court; and

2. That an electronic copy of the petition for writ of certiorari was served upon the following counsel of record for Respondent:

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