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IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

In Re La Verne Koenig PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of mandamus 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):

☒ 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.

La Verne Koenig  
(Signature)

**AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION  
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

I, LeVerne Koenig, 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                                                           | \$ <u>0</u>                                      | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Self-employment                                                      | \$ <u>300.00</u>                                 | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>300.00</u>           | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Income from real property (such as rental income)                    | \$ <u>0</u>                                      | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Interest and dividends                                               | \$ <u>0</u>                                      | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Gifts                                                                | \$ <u>0</u>                                      | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Alimony                                                              | \$ <u>0</u>                                      | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Child Support                                                        | \$ <u>0</u>                                      | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance) | \$ <u>840.00</u>                                 | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>840.00</u>           | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)             | \$ <u>0</u>                                      | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Unemployment payments                                                | \$ <u>0</u>                                      | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Public-assistance (such as welfare)                                  | \$ <u>1252</u>                                   | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>452</u>              | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Other (specify): <u>Unknown Medicaid</u>                             | \$ <u>0?</u>                                     | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0?</u>               | \$ <u>0</u> |
| <b>Total monthly income:</b>                                         | \$ <u>2392</u>                                   | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>1592</u>             | \$ <u>0</u> |

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 |
|----------|---------|---------------------|-------------------|
| NONE     | —       | no employed         | \$ 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 |
|----------|---------|---------------------|-------------------|
| NONE     | —       | N/A                 | \$ N/A            |
|          |         |                     | \$                |
|          |         |                     | \$                |

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 250. myself - NO spouse  
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 |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Checking - Border Bank                      | \$ 500.00 +-    | \$ 0                   |
|                                             | \$              | \$                     |
|                                             | \$              | \$                     |

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

☒ Home  
Value \$ 65,000.00

☐ Other real estate  
Value

☒ Motor Vehicle #1  
Year, make & model 1982 Oldsmobile  
Value \$ 300.00 Torando

☒ Motor Vehicle #2  
Year, make & model 1982 GMC C-3500  
Value \$ 500.00

☒ Other assets  
Description misc old farm equipment; Livestock  
Value \$ 7000.00

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>NONE</u>                           | \$ <u>NONE</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>NONE</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<br>(include lot rented for mobile home)                               | \$ <u>0</u>               | \$ <u>N/A</u> |
| Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                           |               |
| Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                           |               |
| Utilities (electricity, heating fuel,<br>water, sewer, and telephone)                               | \$ <u>1060</u>            | \$ <u>N/A</u> |
| Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)                                                               | \$ <u>50.00</u>           | \$ <u>N/A</u> |
| Food                                                                                                | \$ <u>292.00</u>          | \$ <u>N/A</u> |
| Clothing                                                                                            | \$ <u>10.00</u>           | \$ <u>N/A</u> |
| Laundry and dry-cleaning                                                                            | \$ <u>25<sup>00</sup></u> | \$ <u>N/A</u> |
| Medical and dental expenses                                                                         | \$ <u>0</u>               | \$ <u>N/A</u> |

|                                                                                             | You                                       | Your spouse   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)                                       | \$ <u>550.00</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>18.00</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>Real estate</u>                                                               | \$ <u>100<sup>00</sup> - <sup>+</sup></u> | \$ <u>N/A</u> |
| Installment payments                                                                        |                                           |               |
| Motor Vehicle                                                                               | \$ <u>0</u>                               | \$ <u>N/A</u> |
| Credit card(s)                                                                              | \$ <u>550.00</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>See attached</u>                    | \$ <u>N/A</u> |
| Other (specify): _____                                                                      | \$ <u>0</u>                               | \$ <u>N/A</u> |
| <b>Total monthly expenses:</b>                                                              | \$ <u>2530.00</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.

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*I suffered devastating tornado loss June 30, 2025 I did not have insurance coverage. Insurance Co. raised my rates towards 35% of my Social Security income, in addition the owe me over \$50,000 from previous losses. I have undergone 2 major surgeries since the 1st of this year, which has severely limited my work ability. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.*

Executed on: August 30, 2026

Ladene Koenig  
(Signature)

ATTACHMENT TO INFORM A PAUPER'S APPLICATION TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

INCOME:

Public-assistance (such as welfare) You Spouse Next mo. You Spouse

\$1252.00 0 \$452.00 0

Low Income Energy Assistance program, (LIEAP) pays heating (fuel oil) and electric from October 1 to June 01, they evaluate the income and have determined that I should receive 100% assistance during those months, which fuel oil prices fluctuated substantially these past year(s) and weather conditions affect the usage amounts throughout the year.

Other (specify): Unknown Medicaid 0? 0 0? 0

This is State paid Medicaid, I don't know how much this insurance costs. It may be \$150.00

Or \$300.00 per month. I have never received any notification from the State as to what

is paid on my behalf. There was one month, some time ago, that my application had been temporarily denied, of which, my social security income was reduced by (I believe) \$190.00, which was represented to cover the Medicaid mandate.

5. List the assets:

Home Value ? \$65,000.00 My rural farm home includes approximately 23 acres. While the taxing authority represents its "true and real" value as \$195,000.00, that "assessment" is being challenged due to the unique circumstances that exist, in part, the extensive tornado damage to the property June 20, 2025; the lack of ability to use a majority of the property; the "taxing method," the acts of neighboring farmer, poisoning the property, and the governmental agency in taking of property without any form of due process or equal protection guarantees provided. The house was built in the 1930/1940's, and firmly believed to be "over valued" by the taxing authority.

OTHER ASSETS:

Description: Misc old farm equipment; livestock Value \$7,000.00

While this is old equipment, none of which is in "operable" condition at present its usefulness is very limited thus it's value is even more limited, and may have basically no value, as the cost to recycle it may exceed the income realized therefrom, as for the livestock, the value there is an estimate due to basically the same factors as the old farm equipment. Basically utilized for grass and weed control.

REGULAR expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)

There are no "regular" expenses related to my farm operation, that can be itemized. Since my days of recycling and upraising, I make use of what others throw away. As an example, a farmer baled up his hay crop shortly after it had been rained on. He asked me if I would take it, he didn't want to sell damaged crop. I inspected it, it looked ok to me to feed. My expense was limited to the gas to drive to and from his farm to mine, about 20 miles, for the three (3) trips I made to haul the hay. I have Picked up lots of grain, from spills, to deliberate unloads, due to truckers being overweight, for the purpose of feeding my animals. Thus I don't consider the costs of the gas to pick it up, driving to and from the location as a expense, nor the value of my time to perform these tasks as a regular expense. I do not hire others to help me do any of these tasks, nor pay them to do it for me. I do not "barter" my time for their assistance, or vice a versa for anything.

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

In addition to what I provided on the application: I have suffered from eye problems, which ultimately required surgery, resulting in "failed" surgery and recurrence of the problems that were to be corrected, at the same time, since I live alone, I have had a major surgery canceled by the medical personnel because I was unable to comply with their requirements, "no one to drive me to and from the hospital and stay with me a limited number of days following the surgery" as my income does not permit me to hire someone to stay with me, nor a desire to have some stranger given access to my home, of which may be undertaken in the next week or so, due to a visit by my daughter from another State; As a result of my eye problems, I have had days, which turned into weeks, of which I could not see clear enough to even read, everything was "blurry" my eyes constantly watery of which the prescription medication worsen the situation, preventing me from more timely responding to this requested Mandamus Relief.

I have experienced other medical issues over the years, which although treated by the medical profession, continue to cause me problems due to their failures, which limits my ability to perform certain tasks.

Due to the problems with my computer and printer, lack of internet access and comprehension of modern technology, plus the costs of the copying and mailing of the extensive filing of the materials herein; the costs of gas to drive to and from Fargo, ND to get this petition put together, and properly mailed, the increased U.S. postage required and my limited income, I am utilizing credit cards which will only incur more financial problems down the road.