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No. _____ (petition returned unfiled July 20, 2026; not yet docketed)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

October Term, 2026

Supreme Court, U.S.
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JOSEPH ANTHONY REYNA,
Petitioner,

v.

BLOCK, INCORPORATED, d/b/a CASH APP; SUTTON BANK,
Respondents.

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

CORRECTED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

(Submitted in response to the Clerk's letter of July 20, 2026, returning the original petition unfiled)

Petitioner Joseph Anthony Reyna respectfully moves, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39 and 28 U.S.C. § 1915, for leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

1. Prior grants of in forma pauperis status. Petitioner was granted pauper status in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (No. 1:25-CV-1402-RP, Dkt. 3) and proceeded in forma pauperis before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit throughout the proceedings below (No. 25-50966). No other court has denied in forma pauperis status in this matter.

2. Present financial inability. Petitioner has no regular employment income and is unable to pay the docket fee or the costs of booklet-format printing. Petitioner's current financial circumstances are set out in the accompanying Declaration in Support of Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis (Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, Form 4), submitted with this motion as required by Supreme Court Rule 39.1.

3. Format. This petition is submitted in the 8½×11 format permitted by Supreme Court Rule 33.2(b) for parties proceeding in forma pauperis.

4. Service and Clerk notification. Petitioner is financially unable to produce the number of copies or pay the postage that service on Respondents' counsel would require. Petitioner separately submits a Proof of Service addressing service on Respondents' counsel to the extent the record permits (see accompanying Proof of Service). To the extent Supreme Court Rule 12.3 places any docketing-notification duty on the Clerk once the petition is filed and a docket number is assigned, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Clerk's Office confirm how that duty interacts with Petitioner's own Rule 29 service obligation for this corrected filing. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d) separately provides that court officers shall issue and serve process in cases proceeding in forma pauperis; Petitioner does not assume this provision substitutes for Rule 29 service without the Clerk's confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joseph Anthony Reyna

Joseph Anthony Reyna, Pro Se Petitioner

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(Paper mail only — no electronic service)

Date signed: Sept. 22, 2026

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**AFFIDAVIT/DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO
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(Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure Form 4 structure, per Supreme Court Rule 39.1)

I, Joseph Anthony Reyna, 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.

Statement of issues: See the Questions Presented in the accompanying corrected Petition for a Writ of Certiorari.

Marital status: Single (unmarried). All Spouse columns below are marked N/A.

1. Income (average monthly, past 12 months, gross before deductions):

Income source	Avg/mo (You)	Spouse	Next mo (You)	Spouse
Employment	\$0	N/A (unmarried)	\$0	N/A (unmarried)
Self-employment	\$0	N/A (unmarried)	\$0	N/A (unmarried)
Real property income	\$0	N/A (unmarried)	\$0	N/A (unmarried)

Income source	Avg/mo (You)	Spouse	Next mo (You)	Spouse
Interest and dividends	\$0	N/A (unmarried)	\$0	N/A (unmarried)
Gifts	\$0	N/A (unmarried)	\$0	N/A (unmarried)
Alimony	\$0	N/A (unmarried)	\$0	N/A (unmarried)
Child support	\$0	N/A (unmarried)	\$0	N/A (unmarried)
Retirement (SS/pension/annuity/insurance)	\$0	N/A (unmarried)	\$0	N/A (unmarried)
Disability	\$0	N/A (unmarried)	\$0	N/A (unmarried)
Unemployment	\$0	N/A (unmarried)	\$0	N/A (unmarried)
Public assistance	\$0	N/A (unmarried)	\$0	N/A (unmarried)
Other (specify)	\$0	N/A (unmarried)	\$0	N/A (unmarried)
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A

2. Petitioner's employment history, past two years:

Employer	Address	Dates	Gross monthly pay
Walmart Inc.	Store #1129, North Austin, Texas (exact street address not on hand)	December 2024 – May 2025 (terminated — reported as retaliation for protected whistleblowing activity)	\$2,600.00 (avg.; paid \$1,200.00 bi-weekly)
NONE	NONE	NONE	\$0

3. Spouse's employment history, past two years (N/A if unmarried):

Employer	Address	Dates	Gross monthly pay
N/A (unmarried)	N/A (unmarried)	N/A (unmarried)	N/A (unmarried)

4. Cash and bank accounts.

Cash on hand (physical currency): \$0 (none).

Account type	You have	Spouse has
Navy Federal Credit Union (checking/savings)	\$0.00	N/A
Capital One	\$3.40	N/A
Cash App	\$2.51	N/A

Account type	You have	Spouse has
Venmo	\$0.08	N/A
Apple Cash	\$0.86	N/A
Credit Karma Money	\$1.00	N/A
OnePay	-\$16.40 (negative/overdrawn balance)	N/A
PayPal	\$0.00	N/A

Note: NWA mail-intake record independently contains 2022-2024 Walmart 401(k) Plan financial statements (doc ids 5fe992f5-7fe2-4a68-8199-e22cac8bb8a8, eef03410-7b23-4d8a-96fc-99cdcbf55e67, 5884c4d0-a223-4f3a-bbd8-5991aa2e0800). Current status and balance of this account: cashed out (automatic distribution upon termination); Petitioner did not separately claim or roll over the funds; no balance remains (\$0.00).

5. Assets (excluding clothing/ordinary household furnishings).

Item	Value
Home value	\$0 (does not own real property)
Other real estate value	\$0
Motor vehicle #1 (year/make/model)	NONE — \$0
Motor vehicle #2 (year/make/model)	NONE — \$0
Other assets (describe)	NONE — \$0

6. Money owed to Petitioner/spouse: NONE.

7. Dependents (initials only for minors): NONE.

8. Monthly expenses, itemized (official Form 4 categories):

Expense	You	Spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (incl. mobile-home lot)	\$0.00 (lives with mother; pays no rent)	N/A
— Real estate taxes included?	N/A (Petitioner pays no rent)	N/A
— Property insurance included?	N/A (Petitioner pays no rent)	N/A
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, telephone)	\$0.00	N/A
Home maintenance (repairs, upkeep)	\$0.00	N/A

Expense	You	Spouse
Food	\$100.00	N/A
Clothing	\$0.00	N/A
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$0.00	N/A
Medical and dental expenses	\$24.00 (medications; currently cannot afford)	N/A
Transportation (excl. vehicle payments)	\$0.00	N/A
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines	\$0.00	N/A
Insurance — homeowner's/renter's	\$0.00	N/A
Insurance — life	\$0.00	N/A
Insurance — health	\$0.00	N/A
Insurance — motor vehicle	\$0.00	N/A
Insurance — other	\$0.00	N/A
Taxes not deducted from wages/mortgage (specify)	\$0.00	N/A
Installment — motor vehicle	\$0.00 (does not own a vehicle)	N/A
Installment — credit card	\$0 (charged off / in collections; see Item 12)	N/A
Installment — department store	\$0.00	N/A
Installment — student loan (Nelnet)	\$0 (loan in forbearance; Petitioner cannot afford payments)	N/A
Alimony/maintenance/support paid to others	\$0.00	N/A
Business/profession/farm expenses (attach detail)	\$0.00	N/A
Other (specify)	\$0.00	N/A
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES	\$124.00	N/A

9. Major changes expected in next 12 months? NO.

10. Paid or will pay an attorney for this case? NONE (proceeding pro se).

11. Paid or will pay a non-attorney (paralegal, typist) for this case? NONE.

12. Other information explaining inability to pay: In addition to the bank/financial-account balances itemized in Item 4, Petitioner reports the following debts: approximately \$300 owed to creditors that has been charged off; a Nelnet federal student loan balance of approximately \$10,000, currently in forbearance because Petitioner cannot afford payments; and a Verizon

wireless account balance of approximately \$1,000 that has been charged off and sent to a collections agency. Petitioner's last employment ended in May 2025 (Walmart Inc., reported as retaliatory termination for protected whistleblowing activity) and Petitioner has had no regular employment income since.

13. Residence and personal information:

City and state of legal residence: Buda, Texas.

Daytime phone number: 512-200-3069 (Google Voice; email preferred — whitehat@joecattt.com).

Age: 33.

Years of schooling: 15.

14. Prior IFP applications in this case, and disposition (Rule 39.1):

United States District Court, W.D. Tex., No. 1:25-CV-1402-RP — GRANTED (Dkt. 3).

United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, No. 25-50966 — no separate order granting or denying leave to proceed in forma pauperis has been located; the court's per curiam opinion of May 18, 2026 (Dkt. 23) recites Petitioner as "appearing pro se and in forma pauperis," and the docket reflects no order revoking that status or certifying the appeal as not taken in good faith.

I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am unable to pay the fees and costs of this proceeding or to give security therefor.

Executed at Austin, Texas, on: September 22, 2026

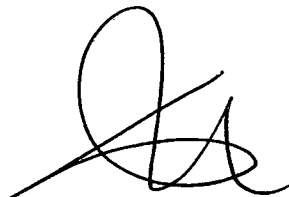
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