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No. _____

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

LYNN M. KIPP — PETITIONER

vs.

BELLEFONTE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL. — RESPONDENTS

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**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): _____
- ☐ 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.

/s/ Lynn M.Kipp
E-Signature, Lynn M. Kipp
Lynn M. Kipp, *Pro Se* 745 Thomas Street State College, PA 16803 (814) 222-2022
Date: October 26, 2026

## Affidavit or Declaration in Support of Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis

I, Lynn M. Kipp, 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 | You: avg. monthly, past 12 months | Spouse: avg. monthly, past 12 months | You: expected next month | Spouse: expected next month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Employment (For part-time evening server job) – Still on unpaid suspension for my teaching job | $800-1600 | Unknown ~4000. | $ | $ |

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| Income source | You: avg. monthly, past 12 months | Spouse: avg. monthly, past 12 months | You: expected next month | Spouse: expected next month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Self-employment | $0 | NA | $ | $ |
| Income from real property (such as rental income) | NA | NA | $ | $ |
| Interest and dividends | NA | NA | $ | $ |
| Gifts | NA | NA | $ | $ |
| Alimony | $0 | $0 | $ | $ |
| Child Support | NA | NA | $ | $ |
| Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance) | NA | NA | $ | $ |
| Disability (such as social security, insurance payments) | NA | NA | $ | $ |
| Unemployment payments | NA | NA | $ | $ |
| Public-assistance (such as welfare) | NA | NA | $ | $ |
| Other (specify): | NA | NA | $ | $ |
| **Total monthly income** | NA | NA | $ | $ |

**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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bellefonte Area School District | 318 Allegheny St, Bellefonte, PA 16803 | 2022 to present | $0... On an endless suspension. They have been paying my family health insurance for year. |
| Scholar Hotels / Nittany Lion Inn | Park Avenue, State College, 16803 | May 2026 to the present part-time from two to four times a week per available shifts | $ It varies depending on events in the area. Football weekends have provided more. Some months I made $600-%800 |
| | | | $ |

**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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | $ |

**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 |
|---|---|---|
| UNKNOWN – GOING THROUGH A CONTENTIOS DIVORCE. AT THE BEGINNING STAGES | $ | $ |
| | $ | $ |
| | $ | $ |

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

| Asset | Description (year, make and model for vehicles) | Value |
|---|---|---|
| Home | Financed in 2014 when it was appraised for $190,000. Zillow has it marked as $400K (without an appraisal) | $400K |
| Other real estate | NA | $ |
| Motor Vehicle #1 | 2016 Kia Soul – Ten years old | unsure |
| Motor Vehicle #2 | NA | $ |
| Other assets | None | $ |

**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 |
|---|---|---|
| NA | $ | $ |
| | $ | $ |

**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 |
|---|---|---|
| NA | | |
| | | |

**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.

| Expense | You | Your spouse |
|---|---|---|
| Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home) | $ under dispute | $1500 |
| Are real estate taxes included? [X] Yes [ ] No; Is property insurance included? [ ] Yes [X] No | NA | |
| Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone) | $ under dispute | $400/mo |
| Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep) | $30/mo | $ |
| Food | $500 | $ |
| Clothing | $20 | $ |
| Laundry and dry-cleaning | NA | $ |
| Medical and dental expenses | $100 | $ |
| Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments) - GASOLINE | $110 | $ |
| Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc. - GYM | $25 | $ |
| Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments): Homeowner's or renter's | $ under dispute | $ 125 |
| Life | NA | NA |
| Health * Note: This is still being paid by my employer (defendant) | $0 | $0 |
| Motor Vehicle | NA | NA |
| Other insurance: | $ | $ |
| Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments) (specify): | NA | NA |
| Installment payments: Motor Vehicle | NA | NA |
| Credit card(s) | $80 | UNKNOWN |
| Department store(s) | NA | NA |
| Other installment payments: MEDICAL BILLS | $100 | $ |
| Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others | NA | NA |
| Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement) – I JUST STARTED A SMALL CARD BUSINESS. This is unknown right now. | unknown | NA |

| Expense | You | Your spouse |
|---|---|---|
| Other (specify): Owe $8000 two banks (one appealed)d; owe $2000 to a friend I borrowed money from; owe $1300 to a dentist; owe another $800 in medical bills; owe $80 month on phone; and $100 computer applications | See note: Approx. $400 per month | unknown |
| **Total monthly expenses** | $~1500. To $2000 per month to increase as divorce proceeds. | $unknown |

**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 [X ] 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 [X ] 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? [ X] Yes [X ] No If yes, how much? _____ If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number: I am paying $378 for copies of the Writ of Certiorari, and another ~$100 for mailing fees.

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

I am going through a contentious divorce and my part-time job and income is in flux while I wait for the endless suspension with my employer who pays my health insurance.

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

Executed on: October 26, 2026

/s/ Lynn M. Kipp

(E-Signature)

Lynn M. Kipp