CASE NO. _____
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Stephen Jay Thorp,		)
		)
	Petitioner,	)
		)
v.		)
		)
United States of America,		)
		)
	Respondent.	)

Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis

Comes now Petitioner Stephen Jay Thorp, by appointed counsel, Ryan M. Hehner, and requests that the Court permit him to proceed in forma pauperis with regard to this Petition for a Writ of Certiorari which counsel is filing on his behalf.

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri appointed the Federal Public Defender's Office to represent Petitioner pursuant to the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. The United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit also appointed that office to represent Petitioner before that Court under the same authority. Undersigned counsel, as a member of the Federal Public Defender's Office, assisted in Petitioner's representation during these proceedings.

Undersigned counsel knows of no change in circumstances which would affect the earlier determinations that Petitioner should be granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

Wherefore, for the above stated reasons and pursuant to Rule 39 of the Supreme Court Rules, Petitioner requests that he be granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

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

Dated: October 30, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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