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IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

FORREST HENRY GILLIAM, Petitioner,

VS.

PATRICK COVELLO, WARDEN, Respondent.

ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED
IN FORMA PAUPERIS

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TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE COURT:

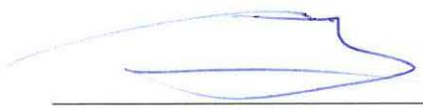
Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 3006A(d)(7) and Rule 39 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States, Petitioner Forrest Henry Gilliam ("Petitioner") respectfully requests leave to file a petition for writ of certiorari without pre-payment of fees or costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

In making this application, Petitioner submits that he has been represented by counsel appointed under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, 18 U.S.C. section 3006A(a)(2)(B), in both the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Petitioner sought and was granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the district court on July 16, 2024, and that status continued in the court of appeals under Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 24(a)(3).

The attached declaration of counsel is provided in support of this application.

Dated: November 20, 2026

Respectfully submitted,



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DECLARATION OF ALEXIS HALLER

I am an attorney licensed to practice in California and in the District of Columbia. I am a member of the bar of this Court. I am the attorney of record for Petitioner Forrest Henry Gilliam.

I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this declaration and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

On July 16, 2024, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California granted Petitioner leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in his habeas corpus proceeding under 28 U.S.C. section 2254 and appointed the Office of the Federal Defender to represent him. On July 31, 2024, the district court substituted me as appointed counsel in place of the Federal Defender pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act of 1964. On August 11, 2026, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit appointed me to represent Petitioner on appeal pursuant to the same Act. I have remained Petitioner's counsel of record to this time.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 20th day of November, 2026, at Aptos, California.



ALEXIS HALLER