

April 8, 2026

Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker, United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Sincerely,

/s/ John G. Roberts, Jr.

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Honorable James D. Vance
President, United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

ORDERED:

1. The Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure are amended to include an amendment to Form 4.

[*See infra* pp. __ __ __.]

2. The foregoing amendment to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure shall take effect on December 1, 2026, and shall govern in all proceedings in appellate cases thereafter commenced and, insofar as just and practicable, all proceedings then pending.

3. THE CHIEF JUSTICE is authorized to transmit to the Congress the foregoing amendment to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure in accordance with the provisions of Section 2074 of Title 28, United States Code.

1.	What is your monthly take-home pay, if you have any, from your work?	\$ _____
2.	What is your monthly income from any source other than take-home pay from work (such as unemployment benefits, alimony, child support, public assistance, pension, and social security)?	\$ _____
3.	How much are your monthly housing costs (such as rent and utilities)?	\$ _____
4.	How much are your monthly costs for other necessary expenses (such as food, medical care, childcare, and transportation)?	\$ _____
5.	What is the total value of all your assets (such as bank accounts, investments, market value of car or house)?	\$ _____
6.	How much debt do you have (such as credit cards, mortgage, and student loans)?	\$ _____
7.	How many people (including yourself) do you support?	
8.	Do you receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), Medicaid, or SSI (Supplemental Security Income)? These programs may go by different names in some states.	Yes No

Are you a prisoner seeking to appeal a judgment in a civil action or proceeding? If so, then no matter how you answered the questions above, you must attach a statement certified by the appropriate institutional officer showing all receipts, expenditures, and balances during the last six months in your institutional accounts. If you have multiple accounts, perhaps because you have been in multiple institutions, attach one certified statement of each account.

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