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In the Supreme Court of the United States

CHADWICK SMITH,
Petitioner

vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the
United States Court of Appeals for the
Fifth Circuit at New Orleans, Louisiana

PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR LEAVE
TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Petitioner CHADWICK SMITH asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs, and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. This writer was appointed under the Criminal Justice Act to represent Chadwick Smith on appeal by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Wichita Falls Division. Petitioner Smith was incarcerated at the Wichita County Jail during the entirety of his federal appeal to the Fifth Circuit, and he was just released in early November 2024 to begin serving his federal supervised release term. This writer requested petitioner's mailing address

from the U.S. Probation Office, but it does not have that information. Therefore, undersigned counsel is unable to forward an affidavit for Mr. Smith to complete and attach to this motion concerning his current financial status. However, since petitioner was found indigent in the district court, and he has just been released from incarceration, it is doubtful that he has sufficient funds to pay for the filing fee, or for the costs for printing the certiorari petition in booklet format.

For these reasons, petitioner Chadwick Smith respectfully asks for leave to proceed in this Court *in forma pauperis*.

Respectfully submitted,

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