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IN THE Supreme Court of the United States

> CARLSEL ALEXANDER, Petitioner, V.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Pursuant to Rule 39 and 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7), Petitioner Carlsel Alexander asks leave to file the accompanying Application to Extend the Deadline to File a Petition for Certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed in forma pauperis. Petitioner was represented by counsel appointed under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A (b) and (c), both in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana and on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. *See United States v. Alexander*, No. 2:23-cr-090, Dkt. 10 (E.D. La. May 10, 2023) (attached hereto). WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully moves this Honorable Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and to file the accompanying Application to Extend the Deadline to File a Petition for Certiorari without prepayment of costs.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of January, 2025.

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