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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

MICHAEL SHANE CATES,

Petitioner,

v.

JEFFREY UTTECH,

Respondent.

Case No. C18-157 RAJ-BAT

**ORDER GRANTING  
APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN  
FORMA PAUPERIS**

Petitioner's application to proceed in forma pauperis, Dkt. 9, is **GRANTED**. The Clerk of Court is directed to file petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus without the prepayment of fees. The Clerk is further directed to provide a copy of this Order to petitioner.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.



BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA  
United States Magistrate Judge