

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 11-6705**

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JOHN R. LAY,

Petitioner - Appellant,

v.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

Respondent - Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, at Baltimore. Benson Everett Legg, District Judge. (1:11-cv-01178-BEL)

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Submitted: September 29, 2011

Decided: October 5, 2011

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Before KING, GREGORY, and DUNCAN, Circuit Judges.

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Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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John R. Lay, Appellant Pro Se.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

John R. Lay appeals the district court's order construing his pro se pleading as a petition for a writ of mandamus and denying it. We have reviewed the record and find no reversible error. Accordingly, although we grant Lay leave to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis, we affirm for the reasons stated by the district court. See Lay v. State of Maryland, No. 1:11-cv-01178-BEL (D. Md. May 10, 2011). We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED