

IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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COMMISSIONER, ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS,

*Petitioner,*

v.

JOSEPH CLIFTON SMITH,

*Respondent.*

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*On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States  
Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit*

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**BRIEF OF IDAHO, ARKANSAS, FLORIDA,  
INDIANA, KANSAS, LOUISIANA,  
MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI, MONTANA,  
NEBRASKA, NORTH DAKOTA, OHIO,  
OKLAHOMA, SOUTH CAROLINA, SOUTH  
DAKOTA, TENNESSEE, TEXAS, UTAH, AND  
THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE AS AMICI  
CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONER**

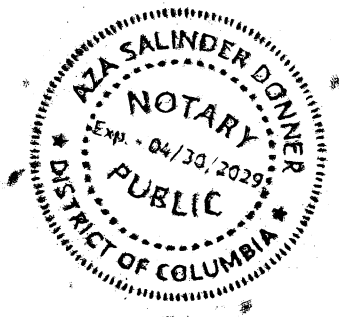
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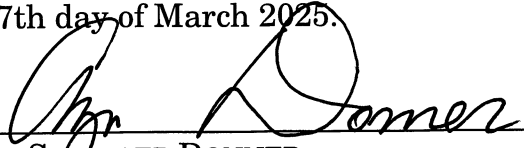
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