CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (CAPITAL CASE)

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

CHARLES RUSSELL RHINES, *Petitioner*,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, Respondent.

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to The Supreme Court of the State of South Dakota

APPENDIX A IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE FILING OF PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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Dated: March 19, 2018

## IN THE SUPREME COURT

## OF THE

## STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,	)	ORDER
Plaintiff and Ap	ppellee, )	
	)	#28444
vs.	)	
	)	
CHARLES RUSSELL RHINES,	)	
Defendant and Ap	nnellant )	
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Appellant having served and filed a motion for relief from the circuit court's judgment in the above-entitled matter, and appellee having served and filed a response thereto along with a motion to file exhibits under seal, and appellant having served and filed a reply thereto, and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund having served and filed a motion for leave to file a brief of amicus curiae, and the Court having considered said motions, responses, and replies, and being fully advised in the premises, now, therefore, it is

ORDERED that Appellee's motion to file exhibits under seal is granted;

ORDERED that Appellant's motion for relief from the circuit court's judgement is denied. Appellant cites *Pena-Rodriguez* v. *Colorado*, \_\_\_\_\_U.S. \_\_\_\_, 137 S. Ct. 855, 197 L. Ed. 2d 107 (2017), arguing that the jury improperly considered his sexual orientation in the penalty phase of his trial. Assuming, but not deciding, that this appellate Court has original jurisdiction to grant relief from a circuit court's final judgment under SDCL 15-6-60(b)(6) based on an #28444, Order

alleged change in conditions, and assuming but not deciding that the constitutional rule articulated in *Pena-Rodriguez* is to be retroactively applied, this Court declines to apply *Pena-Rodriguez*. It is this Court's view that neither Appellant's legal theory (stereotypes or animus relating to sexual orientation) nor Appellant's threshold factual showing is sufficient to trigger the protections of *Pena-Rodriguez*; and it is

ORDERED that Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's motion for leave to file a brief of amicus curiae is denied as moot.

DATED at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of January, 2018.

BY THE COURT:

David Gilbertson, Chief Justice

ATTEST of Clerk the Supreme Court

(SEAL)

(Justice Janine M. Kern disqualified.)

PARTICIPATING: Chief Justice David Gilbertson, Justices Steven L. Zinter, Glen A. Severson and Steven R. Jensen.

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