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The Honorable Scott S. Harris Clerk's Office Supreme Court of the United States One First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Donovan Letrell Hall v. United States, No. 17-9221

Dear Mr. Harris:

In light of the Court's opinion in *Rehaif v. United States*, No. 17-9560, issued today, Mr. Hall respectfully requests the Court grant Mr. Hall's petition for certiorari, vacate the opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and remand to that court for further proceedings. *See Rehaif*, Slip Op. at 12 (reversing the judgment of the Court of Appeals and remanding the case for further proceedings); Dissent at 23 ("Those for whom direct review has not ended will likely be entitled to a new trial.") Mr. Hall was indicted for possessing a firearm after having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g). CAJA9-CAJA11. Mr. Hall pleaded guilty without a plea agreement in February 2017. When the prosecutor stated a factual basis at entry of the guilty plea, he never asserted that Mr. Hall knew that he had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year. CAJA12-23. For this reason, Mr. Hall respectfully requests that his petition be granted, the Fourth Circuit's judgment vacated, and the case remanded to that court for further proceedings.

Sincerely,

Assistant Federal Public Defender

cc: Noel J. Francisco, Solicitor General of the United States