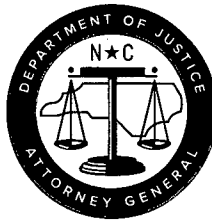


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**U.S. Mail**

The Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of the Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20543

**Re: *Freeman v. North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services*, No. 18-139**

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services in the above case. The Department does not intend to file a response to the petition for certiorari unless one is requested by the Court. I am not currently a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States; however, if a response is requested, the response will be filed by a Bar member.

Best regards,

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cc: Thomas E. Freeman, Jr. (by mail)

