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**Via U.S. Priority Mail**

Hon. Scott S. Harris  
c/o Clerk's Office  
United States Supreme Court  
1 First Street N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

**Re: Alston v. United States**  
**(18-\_\_\_\_\_)**

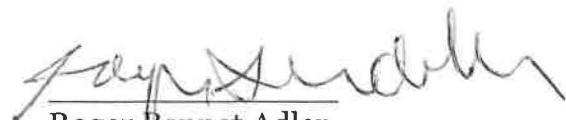
Dear Mr. Harris:

Please find enclosed herewith, consistent with your December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 letter of rejection, is an original and ten copies of the Petitioner's Petition for a writ of certiorari, and application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner's previous filing was rejected on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 due to missing documentation and an error in Petitioner's declaration of indigency. I now include the required documentation, and, as pursuant to Rule 39, Petitioner's motion for leave to file *in forma pauperis*.

As you will further note, the Acting Solicitor General Jeffrey B. Wall has been served, as has the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. I thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in processing the enclosed corrected submission, and the now Rule 39 compliant petition to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Mindful that the Court granted a writ of certiorari in *Rehaif v. United States*, \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_ [cert granted 1/11/19], involving statutory interpretation of the federal firearms statute, this case is, I respectfully submit, an appropriate companion case.

Very truly yours,

  
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