

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

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ALLY FINANCIAL INC.,

*Petitioner,*

*v.*

ALBERTA HASKINS, ET AL.,

*Respondents.*

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ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE  
SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI

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**EMERGENCY JOINT MOTION TO DEFER CONSIDERATION  
OF THE PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

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Petitioner and respondents jointly move to defer consideration of the petition for a writ of certiorari, currently scheduled for consideration at the Court's conference of January 8, 2021. The parties have executed a Memorandum of Understanding to settle this case; a formal settlement agreement, however, must be finalized and approved by the state court. *See* Mo. R. Civ. P. 52.08(e).

As part of the Memorandum of Understanding, the parties agreed to file a joint motion with this Court requesting that consideration of the petition for a writ of certiorari be deferred pending entry of a final and non-appealable order approving the formal settlement agreement by the state court. If the settlement agreement is finalized and approved by the state court in a final and non-appealable order, petitioner will file a motion to dismiss under this Court's Rule 46.

The motion should be granted because deferring consideration will avoid disruption of the settlement process and will prevent unnecessary expenditure of judicial resources. This Court has granted similar motions in analogous circumstances. See, e.g., *Peterson v. Linear Controls, Inc.*, 141 S. Ct. 83 (2020) (mem.); *Petroleo Brasileiro S.A.--Petrobras v. Universities Superannuation Scheme Ltd.*, 138 S. Ct. 754 (2018) (mem.); *Dow Chem. Co. v. Indus. Polymers, Inc.*, 136 S. Ct. 1400 (2016) (mem.).

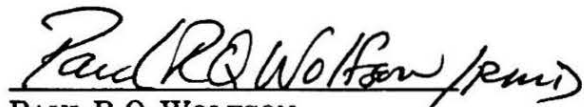
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