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Petitioner contends (Pet. 10-13) that his sentence for unlawfully possessing a firearm as a felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2), should be set aside, on the theory that three of his prior Missouri convictions for selling cocaine were not “committed on occasions different from one another” as required by the Armed Career Criminal Act of 1984 (ACCA), 18 U.S.C. 924(e). On February 22, 2021, this Court granted the petition for a writ of certiorari in Wooden v. United States, No. 20-5279, to address the standard for determining whether crimes were “committed on occasions different from one another” under the

ACCA. Because the Court's decision in Wooden may affect the proper disposition of the petition for a writ of certiorari, the petition in this case should be held pending the decision in Wooden and then disposed of as appropriate in light of that decision.\*

Respectfully submitted.

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\* The government waives any further response to the petition for a writ of certiorari unless this Court requests otherwise.