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

Re: Rufus B. Jones v. State of Florida,
Case No. 21-6817

Dear Mr. Harris:

The State of Florida recently received a copy of the petitioner's petition for writ of certiorari. Please be advised that the State of Florida will continue to follow its long held position on these matters and will respectfully decline to answer petitions filed in non-capital cases unless the Court requests a response. If the Court requests a response, the State of Florida will provide one.

Respectfully submitted,

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