

**CAPITAL CASE**  
**No. 23-\_\_\_\_\_**

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

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BRANDON MICHAEL COUNCIL,  
*Petitioner,*

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*Respondent.*

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**On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United  
States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit**

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**PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

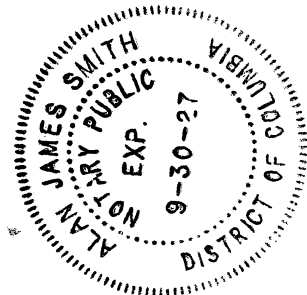
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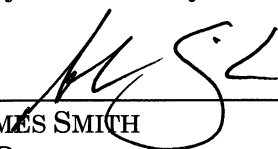
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NOTARY PUBLIC  
District of Columbia

My commission expires September 30, 2027.