

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

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CHARLES RAY CRAWFORD,  
*Petitioner,*  
v.

BURL CAIN, COMMISSIONER, MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS; EARNEST LEE, SUPERINTENDENT, MISSISSIPPI  
STATE PENITENTIARY,  
*Respondents.*

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On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari  
from the United States Court of Appeals  
for the Fifth Circuit

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**REPLY BRIEF FOR THE PETITIONER**

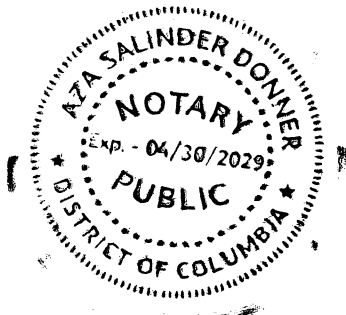
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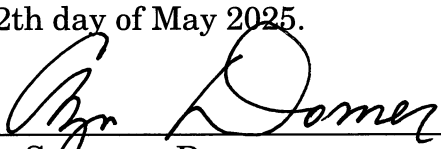
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of May 2025.



  
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District of Columbia

My commission expires April 30, 2029.