

No. 17-6262

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

QUENTERY GATES,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari
To the United States Court of Appeals
For the Eleventh Circuit

Reply to Government's Brief in Opposition

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ARGUMENT

The government and Mr. Gates disagree on the legal questions presented here: Does Mr. Gates assert a *Johnson* claim here?¹ Does his petition rely upon a rule made retroactively applicable to his collateral challenge?² This Court need not decide these questions here, however, because the parties agree that Mr. Gates's case will become moot on January 31, 2018, when he is released from federal prison.³ That otherwise happy release is bittersweet because it must now spell the end of Mr. Gates's *Johnson* journey. This Court should deny Mr. Gates's *Petition for a Writ of Certiorari*.

Respectfully Submitted,

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¹ *Brief in Opposition* at 8.

² *Brief in Opposition* at 9.

³ *Brief in Opposition* at 16.