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Hon. Scott S. Harris, Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
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Via Federal Express

Re: *Thomas Whitaker and Perry Williams, v. Bryan Collier, et al.*, No. 17-7506

Dear Mr. Harris:

Enclosed for filing are 10 copies and an original of the Brief in Opposition. An additional copy is also enclosed; please return a file-marked version of that copy in the enclosed postage-prepaid envelope.

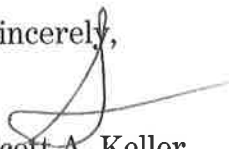
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