

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

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COMMISSIONER, ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS,

*Petitioner,*

v.

JOSEPH CLIFTON SMITH,

*Respondent.*

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

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**BRIEF OF IDAHO, ARKANSAS, FLORIDA,  
INDIANA, KANSAS, LOUISIANA,  
MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI, MONTANA,  
NEBRASKA, NORTH DAKOTA, OHIO,  
OKLAHOMA, SOUTH CAROLINA, SOUTH  
DAKOTRA, TENNESSEE, TEXAS, UTAH, AND  
THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE AS AMICI  
CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONER**

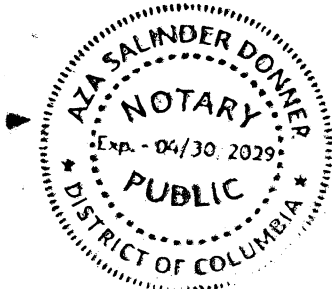
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AZA SALINDER DONNER  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
District of Columbia

My commission expires April 30, 2029.