

Supreme Court of the United States

No. 25-248

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

Petitioner,

v.

R. W.

ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

THIS CAUSE having been submitted on the petition for writ of certiorari and the response thereto.

ON CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, it is ordered and adjudged by this Court that the petition for writ of certiorari and R. W.'s motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* are granted. The judgment of the above court in this cause is reversed, and the case is remanded to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for further proceedings not inconsistent with the opinion of this Court.

April 20, 2026



United States of America, ss:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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To the Honorable the Chief Judge and the Associate Judges of the District of Columbia
Court of Appeals.

GREETINGS:

District of Columbia Court of Appeals case, IN RE R.W.; APPELLANT, No. 23-FS-0589, was submitted to the **SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES** on petition for writ of certiorari and the response thereto.

It is ordered and adjudged on April 20, 2026, by this Court that the petition for writ of certiorari and R.W.'s motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* are granted. The judgment of the above court in this cause is reversed, and the case is remanded to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for further proceedings not inconsistent with the opinion of this Court.

THIS CAUSE IS REMANDED to you in order that such proceedings may be had in the said cause, in conformity with the judgment of this Court above stated, as accord with right and justice, and the Constitution and Laws of the United States.

Witness the Honorable **JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR.**, Chief Justice of the United States, the 20th day of April, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

A True copy SCOTT S. HARRIS
Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States



Scott S. Harris

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