

No. 25-6  
IN THE  
*Supreme Court of the United States*

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THOMAS KEATHLEY,  
*Petitioner,*  
v.  
BUDDY AYERS CONSTRUCTION, INC.,  
*Respondent.*

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