

No. 25-6058

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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RAYMOND E. LUMSDEN — PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

vs.

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BRYAN COLLIER, ET AL., — RESPONDENT(S)

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO

FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

(NAME OF COURT THAT LAST RULED ON MERITS OF YOUR CASE)

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

RAYMOND E. LUMSDEN  
(Your Name)

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(Address)

Gatesville, TX, 76597  
(City, State, Zip Code)

(Phone Number)

## QUESTION(S) PRESENTED

1. Does Texas' Partnership With The Heart Of Texas College Of Ministry, A Solely Christian-Based Organization Housed And Operated On A Texas Prison, That Provides Special Type Incentives And Privileges To Graduating "Field Minister's" Who Endure The Four Year Program Of Christian Only Studies, Violate The Establishment Clause and RLUIPA Protections Of Petitioner Who Is Native American And Refuses To Participate In The Christian Only Studies Due To His Faith Sincerity, And Thus Cannot Receive The Same Incentives Or Special Privileges Provided To Those Who Choose To Violate Their Own Faith Simply For Them And Because Texas Prefers The Christian Faith Over All Other's Where There Is Only The Christian-Based Opportunity To Become A "Field Minister" And None For Those Who Are Sincered To And Practice Other Faiths?
2. Does The Texas Department Of Criminal Justice, Who Has A Budget Of More Than TWO BILLION DOLLARS, Violate The Eighth Amendment By Exposing Petitioner and Inmates To Excessive Heat Conditions That Have Caused The Deaths Of More Than 200 Inmates At 30X The National Average, While Providing Funding For Transgender Health Care In The Millions That Could Easily Fund Air Conditioning That Would Save Lives?
3. Does The Texas Department Of Criminal Justice Violate The Petitioner's Sincerely Held Native American Faith Practices Under RLUIPA By Denying Equinox and Solstice Spiritual Meals While Allowing Other Faith Groups Such As Pagans And Odonists To Have Them For The Observances And Spiritual Type Practices?
4. Does The Texas Department Of Criminal Justice Violate The Equal Protection Act By Providing Special Mattresses, Living Areas and Housing, Clothing, Visitation, And Other Privileges To "Tier Walker's, Field Minister's, Peer Coaches, Life Coaches, Footprints, My Brother's Keeper's, A/K/A "Building Tender's" That Equally Situated Inmates Who Are Not Part Of Those Programs That Allow Inmates To Hold Supervisory And Administrative Authority Over Other Inmates, Don't Receive Equally?

## LIST OF PARTIES

All parties appear in the caption of the case on the cover page.

All parties **do not** appear in the caption of the case on the cover page. A list of all parties to the proceeding in the court whose judgment is the subject of this petition is as follows:

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Petitioner respectfully prays that a writ of certiorari issue to review the judgment below.

**OPINIONS BELOW**

For cases from **federal courts**:

The opinion of the United States court of appeals appears at Appendix A to the petition and is

[ ] reported at \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
[ ] has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,  
[ ] is unpublished.

The opinion of the United States district court appears at Appendix A to the petition and is

[ ] reported at \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
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[ ] is unpublished.

[ ] For cases from **state courts**:

The opinion of the highest state court to review the merits appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_ to the petition and is

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## JURISDICTION

For cases from **federal courts**:

The date on which the United States Court of Appeals decided my case was 8/22/2025.

No petition for rehearing was timely filed in my case.

A timely petition for rehearing was denied by the United States Court of Appeals on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_, and a copy of the order denying rehearing appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_.

An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and including \_\_\_\_\_ (date) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in Application No.   A  .

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U. S. C. § 1254(1).

For cases from **state courts**:

The date on which the highest state court decided my case was \_\_\_\_\_. A copy of that decision appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_.

A timely petition for rehearing was thereafter denied on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_, and a copy of the order denying rehearing appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_.

An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and including \_\_\_\_\_ (date) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in Application No.   A  .

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U. S. C. § 1257(a).

## **CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED**

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## **STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

Petitioner, a Native American housed on the Hughes Unit, in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, brought forth a § 1983 Civil Rights Lawsuit related to (1) RLUIPA; (2) First Amendment/Free Exercise; (3) Establishment Clause; (4) Excessive Heat; and (4) Equal Protection violation's. The District Court granted Summary Judgment to the defendant's in spite of the Petitioner's more than 400+ documents submitted as competent Summary Judgment Evidence.

Petitioner appelled to the Fifth Circuit Court Of Appeals, which Affirmed the district court's decision, also ignoring more than 100+ documents filed in that court to prove Petitioner's claims.

Petitioner now seeks relief from this Court, believing that the decisions of the district court, and the Fifth Circuit, contradict and confuse clearly established precedents throughout the appellate courts, and the Supreme Court.

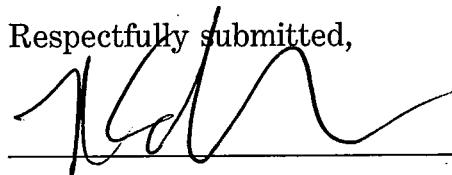
## **REASONS FOR GRANTING THE PETITION**

1. The district court's decision, and the 5th Circuit's decision, contradict and make a mess of clearly established Supreme Court precedent, and appellate courts across the country on the matters.
2. Petitioner, like the more than 2 Million inmates effected by the same types of claims throughout the Country, need this Court to once again address the claims within this Writ. With Texas once again now turning to "Building Tender's/Inmate Officer's" to fill the roles and duties of correctional officer's, psychologists, therapists, and also counselor's due to critical staff shortages, and using Christian ONLY programming allotted with special privileges and incentives that other non-Christian's and inmates do not receive to include Petitioner who is a Native American Shaman/Speaking Elder with more than 45 year's of Spiritual Practice, 9 of which has been in TDCJ, has increased the number of escapes, violent crimes, contrabands and drug use, etc. and all without any other avenue of relief than this Most High Court.
3. Ripe with Millions of Dollar's spent on Transgender Therapy & Treatments while Petitioner cannot even receive the appropriate type medical care related to older age, religious equality, equal protection related to religion, living conditions that don't place inmate lives in critical danger every summer, and with inmates literally running the prisons in Texas with badges and special uniforms while holding supervisory and administrative authority over other inmates, **Texas Department of Criminal Justice and Defendant's have lost their minds.**
4. Because American values, and Democracy, require better than what the Transgender facilitating defendant's, who look away and fight the equality and fair cries of other's, while endangering the lives of the entire prison population in Texas in cells that reach beyond 110 degrees for weeks without relief, etc.,etc.. Because even prisoner's, in the United States of America, retain human worth and spiritual purposes.

## **CONCLUSION**

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: 9/20/25