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Hon. Scott Harris, Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First St. NE
Washington, DC 20543

RE: *Handley v Pierce*, No. 25-6654
Waiver of Response and Notification of Additional Directly Related Case

Dear Mr. Harris:

On behalf of respondent Christopher Pierce, I respectfully inform the Court that respondent does not intend to file a response to the petition for a writ of certiorari unless one is requested by the Court.

Respondent additionally informs the Court of a “directly related case,” as defined by Rule 14.1(b)(iii), that was omitted from the list found at pages ii-iii of the petition for certiorari: *Handley v. California*, No. 21-6229 (certiorari denied March 28, 2022).¹

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher P. Beesley

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¹ See Rule 14.1(b)(iii) (“directly related” cases “include[e] proceedings in this Court,” and “a case is ‘directly related’ . . . if it challenges the same criminal conviction or sentence as is challenged in this Court, whether on direct appeal or through state or federal collateral proceedings”).