

In the Supreme Court of the United States

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CHARLES L. BURTON, JR.,  
*Petitioner,*

v.

JOHN Q. HAMM, Commissioner, Alabama Department of Corrections,  
*Respondent.*

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, Lauren Ashley Simpson, do hereby certify that on this date, March 3, 2026, I served a copy of the enclosed BRIEF IN OPPOSITION on counsel for Petitioner Burton, by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

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