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Honorable Scott S. Harris, Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Alan Lane Hicks v. Jonathan Frame, Superintendent, Mount Olive Correctional Complex, No. 25-726

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write to inform the Court about a development relating to this petition for certiorari.

As Respondent Frame explained in his brief in opposition, a state court had dismissed Petitioner's state-court habeas petition. Petitioner appealed that dismissal to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

On March 24, 2026, the Supreme Court of Appeals issued a memorandum decision vacating and remanding the circuit court's order dismissing the state habeas petition. The Court held that "the habeas court erred in dismissing the petitioner's state habeas petition without adequate findings of fact and conclusions of law." *Hicks v. Frame*, No. 25-351, slip op. at 2 (W. Va. Mar. 24, 2025) (enclosed). The Court also directed that the mandate was to issue immediately. *Id.* at 3. Respondent intends to do everything possible to advance further proceedings in the habeas court effectively and expeditiously.

I would appreciate it if you would circulate this letter to the Members of the Court.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Williams

Michael R. Williams
Solicitor General

Enclosure

cc: Steven James Alagna, counsel for Petitioner