### In The Supreme Court of the United States

# Samuel Lee Smithers Petitioner,

v.

#### STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

## ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

RESPONSE TO MOTION TO STAY THE EXECUTION EXECUTION SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 14, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.

#### PROOF OF SERVICE

I, C. Suzanne Bechard, a member of the Bar of this Court, hereby certify that on this 10th of October 2025, a true and correct copy of the State's Response to Motion to Stay Execution in the above-entitled case was submitted to the Clerk of the United States Supreme Court using the Electronic Filing System. I further certify that a copy has also been furnished by United States mail to Ann Marie Mirialakis and Melody Jacquay-Acosta, Assistants CCRC-Middle, Capital Collateral Regional Counsel-Middle, 12973 N. Telecom, Temple Terrace. Florida 33637, jacquay@ccmr.state.fl.us, mirialakis@ccmr.state.fl.us, support@ccmr.state.fl.us.

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