No. XX-XXXX

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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS   
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT**

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NAME ON APPEAL, et al.,   
*Plaintiffs-Appellants*,

v.

STEVE MARSHALL,   
in his official capacity as the Attorney General of Alabama, et al.,  
*Defendants-Appellees*.

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On Appeal from the United States District Court   
for the Middle District of Alabama

Case No. X:XX-cv-XXX-XXX

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The Court should reverse the district court’s judgment.

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