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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

IN RE ERIC S. SMITH,

Petitioner.

On Petition for a Writ of Mandamus to the Securities and Exchange Commission

THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION'S RESPONSE TO THE PETITION FOR A WRIT OF MANDAMUS, WHICH IS NOW MOOT

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The Securities and Exchange Commission hereby files this response to Eric S. Smith's petition for a writ of mandamus. *See* Dk. 7-1 (Aug. 5, 2024) (ordering the Commission to respond to the petition). On August 19, 2024, the Commission issued a decision in Mr. Smith's proceeding. *See Eric S. Smith*, Exchange Act Release No. 34-100762, 2024 WL 3875989 (Aug. 19, 2024). The petition for a writ of mandamus therefore should be dismissed as moot. *See, e.g., In re Leonard Nyamusevya*, No. 23-3497, 2024 WL 1151692 (6th Cir. Feb. 8, 2024).

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