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IN THE

Petitioner.

SUPREME COURT

v.

OF MARYLAND

YOUNG LEE, AS VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE, ET AL.,

September Term, 2023

Petition Docket No. 81

Respondents.

ANSWER TO PETITION AND CROSS-PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI

While Respondent, the State of Maryland, maintains that the Appellate Court of Maryland's decision below is correct across the board, the State also recognizes that the certiorari petition and cross-petition both raise novel questions of broad public importance, thus satisfying the test for issuing the writ of certiorari. Md. Code Ann., Cts. & Jud. Proc. § 12-203 (LexisNexis 2020) (conditioning the issuance of the certiorari writ on the Court's determination that review "is desirable and in the public interest"). The State therefore agrees that Court should issue the writ of certiorari to address the questions raised in the petition and cross-petition.

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