UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY CENTRAL DIVISION LEXINGTON

| BILLY JOE HILL, |) | |
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| Petitioner, |)) | No. 5:19-CV-222-REW |
| v. |) | |
| |) | OPINION & ORDER |
| FRANCISCO QUINTANA, Warden, |) | |
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| Respondent. |) | |
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On May 23, 2019, federal inmate Billy Joe Hill filed a *pro se* habeas corpus petition seeking earlier release to a halfway house or home confinement pursuant to the First Step Act. DE 1. Although it appears that Hill took steps to pay the required \$5.00 filing fee, DE 1-2 (BP-199 form), this Court never received payment. In any event, by late June, Hill had already been entirely released from BOP custody. See <u>https://www.bop.gov/inmateloc/</u> (last visited on September 30, 2019). That release renders his petition moot. *Demis v. Sniezek*, 558 F.3d 508, 512–13 (6th Cir. 2009).

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Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1. The Court **DENIES** Hill's petition, DE 1, as moot.
- 2. The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to strike this matter from the active docket.

This the 30th day of September, 2019.



Signed By: Robert E. Wier REN

United States District Judge