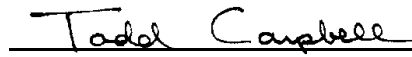


Because an appeal by the petitioner on any of the issues raised in this petition would not merit further attention, the Court **DENIES** a COA. The petitioner may, however, seek a COA directly from the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Rule 11(a), Rules Gov'g § 2254 Cases.

It is so **ORDERED**.

This is a final order for purposes of Fed. R. Civ. P. 58.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Todd Campbell
United States District Judge