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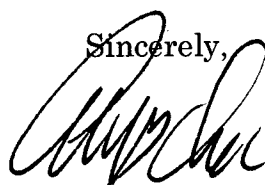
**RE: THOMAS E. FREEMAN, JR. V. NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

Dear Sir or Madam:

As required by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(h), I certify that the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari referenced above contains **970** words, excluding the parts of the document that are exempted by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(d).

As a member of the Supreme Court Bar, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arthur D. Chotin', written over a horizontal line.

Arthur D. Chotin, Esq.
Principal