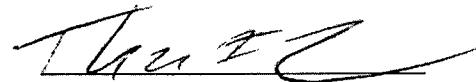


CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH WORD COUNT

Thomas F. Sweeney,  
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v.  
Merit Systems Protection Board,  
Respondent.

As required by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(h), I certify that the petition for a writ of certiorari contains 5,564 words, excluding the parts of the petition that are exempted by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(d).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



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