IN THE

Supreme Court of the United States

DAVID AND AMY CARSON, AS PARENTS AND NEXT FRIENDS OF O.C., AND TROY AND ANGELA NELSON, AS PARENTS AND NEXT FRIENDS OF A.N. AND R.N.,

Petitioners,

V.

A. PENDER MAKIN, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS COMMISSIONER OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,

Respondents.

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