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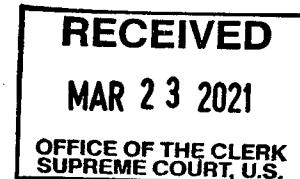
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(RESPONDENTS)

AND

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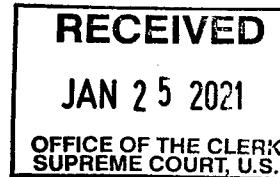
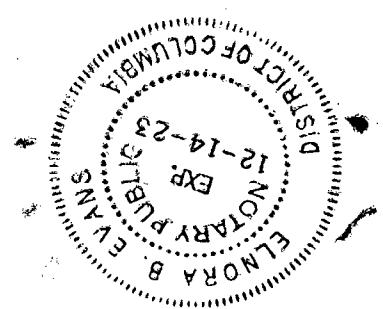
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA,
RICHMOND



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District of Columbia: SS
Subscribed and sworn to before me, in my presence,
this 19 day of January, 2021

Elonora B. Evans
Elonora B. Evans, Notary Public, D.C.
My commission expires December 14, 2023.



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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN *FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed in *forma pauperis*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed in *forma pauperis* in the following court(s): United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, at Richmond. Henry E. Hudson, Senior District Judge. (3:19-cv-00162-HEH)

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

The Petitioner asks the court to decide if the Petitioner's protections under the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) were violated by Petersburg Utility Lines Water Department in its determination to terminate the Petitioner's employment, without due process, during the timeframe that is substantiated by documented and approved FMLA leave request based on disability.

LIST OF PARTIES

All parties appear in the caption of the case on the cover page.

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OPINIONS BELOW

The opinion of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, at Richmond, appears at Appendix ___ to the petition and is

✓ Is UNPUBLISHED.

JURISDICTION

The date on which the highest state court decided my case was August 24, 2020. A copy of that decision appears at Appendix A.

An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and included Thursday March 19, 2020 Appendix B.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED

Title VII of Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967
Family and Medical Leave Act

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

I, Randy Thomas appeal to the Court to grant me a Writ of Certiorari to hear my case against the Petersburg Utility Lines Water Department and the employees of that organization, in its wrongful termination of my employment, while I was on an approved Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) with medial documentation to support my leave of absence.

I was employed with the Petersburg Utility Lines Water Department from January 14, 2000, until March 13, 2017. I was terminated on March 13, 2017 after 17 years of employment with that organization. I was on approved for FMLA leave with medical documentation to support the approved leave for the timeframe from January 18, 2017 through April 18, 2017. My termination date of March 13, 2017 falls within the timeframe of my FMLA leave and is the basis for my claim of wrongful termination.

The employees of Petersburg Utility Lines Water Department are also liable for retaliation against me since I was prevented from participation in the administrative process of review conducted by the names of all the Respondents in this petition that rendered the decision to terminate my employment.

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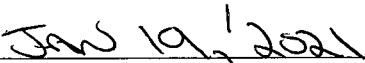
I believe my petition for a Writ of Certiorari should be granted because I was wrongfully terminated by the Petersburg Utility Lines Water Department from a position I held for 17 years while on approved leave under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), this approved leave is supported by medical documentation. I also believe the decision by my former employer to eliminate my participation in the administrative appeal process to terminate me was an act of retaliation based on retaliation that resulted in my termination.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion I request a remedy of backpay owed me and compensatory damages for being illegally and wrongfully terminated by the Petersburg Utility Lines Water Department.

Respectfully,


Randy T. Thomas


Date