CERTIFICATE OF WORD COUNT

No. 21-468

National Pork Producers Council, et al.,

Petitioners,

v.

Karen Ross, in Her Official Capacity as Secretary of the California Department of Food & Agriculture, et al.,

Respondents.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS) COUNTY OF NORFOLK) SS.:

Being duly sworn, I depose and say:

1. That I am over the age of 18 years and am not a party to this action. I am an employee of the Supreme Court Press, the preparer of the document, with mailing address at 1089 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 283, Boston, MA 02215.

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

G. Chan Sekhar

August 15, 2022