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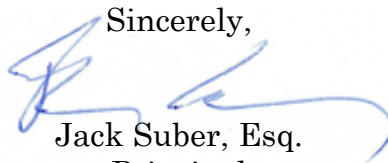
**RE 21-674: NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE
EMPLOYEES V. MAXWELL KADEL, ET AL.**

Dear Sir or Madam:

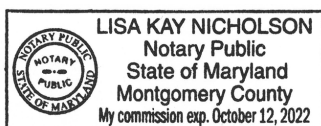
As required by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(h), I certify that the Respondent's Brief in Opposition referenced above contains **7,352** words, excluding the parts of the document that are exempted by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(d).

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

Sincerely,



Jack Suber, Esq.
Principal



Sworn and subscribed before me this 27th day of December 2021.

