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RE NO. 21-972: THOMAS H. BUFFINGTON V. DENIS R. MCDONOUGH, SECRETARY OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

Dear Sir or Madam:

As required by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(h), I certify that the Brief of *Amici Curiae* Military-Veterans Advocacy, National Organization of Veterans' Advocates, Paralyzed Veterans of America, The Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Vietnam Veterans of America referenced above contains **5,500** 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

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Sworn and subscribed before me this 7th day of February 2022.

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