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Scott Harris, Clerk Supreme Court of the United States One First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20543 September 12, 2023

EXPRESS MAIL

Re: USSC No. 23-Cooper D. Johnson v. Malia M. Cohen, individually and in her official capacity as State Controller of the State of California, et al.

Dear Clerk Harris:

Please find enclosed:

- 1. Forty (40) copies of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari;
- 2. Proof of Service;
- 3. Certificate of Word Count;
- 4. A flat copy of the Petition; and
- 5. A check in the amount of \$300.00.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance.

Very truly yours,

Rita Q. Hemenway

Rita L. Hemenway

Enclosures

cc: Laurence H. Tribe, Esquire Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Rita L. Hemenway of Bateman & Slade, Inc., hereby declare that on this twelfth day of September 2023, I have served three (3) true copies of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari by express mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury,

Rita Q. Hemenway

Rita L. Hemenway NOTARIZED BY: <u>George D. Baleman</u>

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As required by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(h), I certify that the document contains 8,232 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.

Executed on September 12, 2023.

Rita Q. Hemenway_____

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