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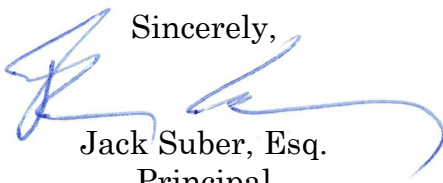
**RE: JOSHUA BUFKIN AND NORMAN THORNTON V. DENIS McDONOUGH, SECRETARY
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Dear Sir or Madam:

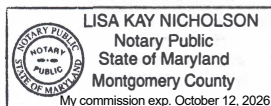
As required by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(h), I certify that the Petition for Writ of Certiorari referenced above contains **8,882** words, excluding the parts of the document that are exempted by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(d).

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

Sincerely,



Jack Suber, Esq.
Principal



Sworn and subscribed before me this 29th day of December 2023.

