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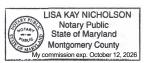
Dear Sir or Madam:

As required by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(h), I certify that the Reply Brief for Petitioners referenced above contains **2,972** 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,

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Sworn and subscribed before me this 1st day of April 2024.