

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

No. \_\_\_\_

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H.M.S., J.C.S., AND M.R.S., MINOR CHILDREN, EACH INDIVIDUALLY, BY  
THEIR BIOLOGICAL FATHER, NEXT FRIEND, AND NATURAL GUARDIAN,  
JOSEPH VERY SHERMAN, AND JOSEPH VERY SHERMAN, INDIVIDUALLY,  
AND AS FATHER OF H.M.S., J.C.S., AND M.R.S., MINOR CHILDREN,  
*Petitioners,*

*v.*

LOUIS R. LERNER, NORFOLK CIRCUIT JUDGE DESIGNATE BY ORDER OF  
THE SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA,  
*Respondent.*

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**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and  
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Executed on this 14th day of July, 2025.

*Julie Connor*

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Julie Connor

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
on this 14th day of July, 2025.

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