

IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

MERRICK B. GARLAND, ATTORNEY GENERAL, *et al.*,  
*Petitioners,*

v.

MICHAEL CARGILL,  
*Respondent.*

**On Writ of Certiorari to the  
United States Court of Appeals  
for the Fifth Circuit**

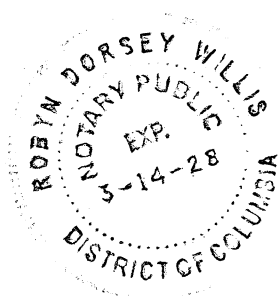
**BRIEF OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, COLORADO,  
CONNECTICUT, DELAWARE, HAWAII,  
ILLINOIS, MAINE, MARYLAND,  
MASSACHUSETTS, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA,  
NEVADA, NEW JERSEY, NEW MEXICO,  
NEW YORK, NORTH CAROLINA, OREGON,  
PENNSYLVANIA, RHODE ISLAND, VERMONT,  
AND WASHINGTON AS *AMICI CURIAE*  
IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONER**

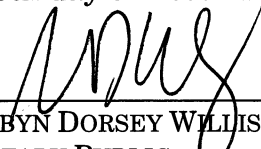
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of December 2023.



  
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NOTARY PUBLIC  
District of Columbia

My commission expires March 14, 2028.