

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

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SPEECH FIRST, INC.

*Petitioner,*

v.

TIMOTHY SANDS, INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HIS OFFICIAL  
CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC  
INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY,

*Respondent.*

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

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**BRIEF FOR *AMICI CURIAE*  
AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY FOUNDATION AND  
DEFENSE OF FREEDOM INSTITUTE FOR POLICY  
STUDIES IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS**

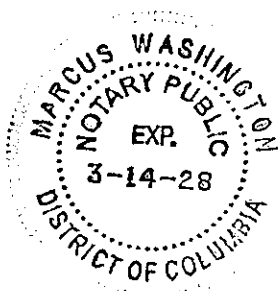
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of September 2023.



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MARCUS WASHINGTON  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
District of Columbia

My commission expires March 14, 2028.