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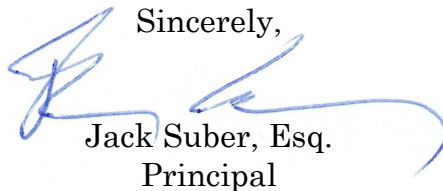
**RE 23-713: JOSHUA E. BUFKIN AND NORMAN F. THORNTON V. DENIS R.
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Dear Sir or Madam:

As required by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(h), I certify that the Brief for Petitioners referenced above contains **12,936** 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 2nd day of July 2024.

