

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

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

v.

JENNIFER VANDERSTOK, *et al.*,
Respondents.

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

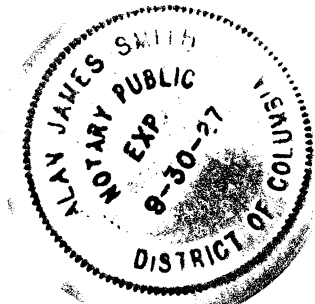
**BRIEF OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE
STATES OF NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA, ARIZONA,
CALIFORNIA, CONNECTICUT, DELAWARE, HAWAII,
ILLINOIS, MARYLAND, MASSACHUSETTS, MICHIGAN,
MINNESOTA, NEVADA, NEW YORK, NORTH CAROLINA,
OREGON, RHODE ISLAND, VERMONT, WASHINGTON,
AND WISCONSIN AS *AMICI CURIAE*
IN SUPPORT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

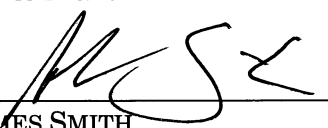
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of March 2024.




ALAN JAMES SMITH
NOTARY PUBLIC
District of Columbia

My commission expires September 30, 2027.