

CERTIFICATE OF WORD COUNT

No. TBD

Kenneth Fitch; Phylis Reinard; Deborah Heim; Mary Frye; Alan Rivkin;
Howard Kilian; and All Those Similarly Situated,

Petitioners,

v.

State of Maryland; Wes Moore, Governor of Maryland; Helen T. Grady,
Secretary of Budget and Management,

Respondents.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS)
COUNTY OF NORFOLK) SS.:

Being duly sworn, I depose and say:

1. That I am over the age of 18 years and am not a party to this action. I am an employee of the Supreme Court Press, the preparer of the document, with mailing address at 1089 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 283, Boston, MA 02215.

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



Lucas DeDeus

August 18, 2025