

In the Supreme Court of the United States

STEPHEN FOOTE, individually and as Guardian and next friend of B.F. and G.F., minors; MARISSA SILVESTRI, individually and as Guardian and next friend of B.F. and G.F., minors,

Petitioners,

v.

LUDLOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE; TODD GAZDA, former Superintendent; Lisa Nemeth, Interim Superintendent; STACY MONETTE, Principal, Baird Middle School; MARIE-CLAIRE FOLEY, school counselor, Baird Middle School; JORDAN FUNKE, former librarian, Baird Middle School; and TOWN OF LUDLOW,

Respondents.

*ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE
U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT*

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
WITH WORD LIMITATIONS**

As required by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(h), the undersigned certifies that the Brief of the Manhattan Institute and Dr. Leor Sapir as *Amici Curiae* Supporting Petitioners contains 5,987 words, excluding the parts of the brief that are exempted by Rule 33.1(d). I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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