

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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STEVEN J. HECKE,  
*Petitioner,*

*v.*

UNITED STATES,  
*Respondent.*

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STATE OF NEW YORK )

COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

I, Julie Connor, being duly sworn according to law and being over the age of 18, upon my oath depose and say that:

I am retained by Counsel of Record for *Petitioner*.

That on the 5th day of January, 2026, I served the within *Petition for a Writ of Certiorari* in the above-captioned matter upon:

D. John Sauer  
Solicitor General  
United States Department of Justice  
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Washington, DC 20530  
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by sending three copies of same, addressed to each individual respectively, through U.S.P.S. Priority Mail. An electronic version was also served by email to each individual.

That on the same date as above, I sent to this Court forty copies of the within *Petition for a Writ of Certiorari* and three hundred dollar filing fee check through the Two Day Federal Express, postage prepaid. In addition, the brief has been submitted through the Court's electronic filing system.

All parties required to be served have been served.

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

Executed on this 5th day of January, 2026.

*Julie Connor*

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Julie Connor

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 5th day of January, 2026.

*Mariana Braylovsby*

**MARIANA BRAYLOVSKIY**  
Notary Public State of New York  
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Commission Expires March 30, 2026