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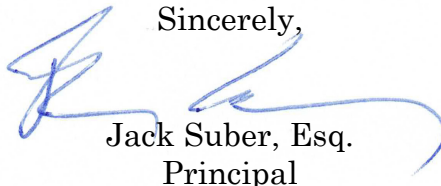
**RE: JAMES M. KERNZ V. DOUGLAS A. COLLINS, SECRETARY OF VETERANS
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Dear Sir or Madam:

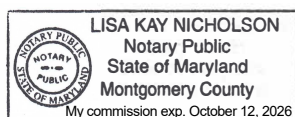
As required by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(h), I certify that the Petition for Writ of Certiorari referenced above contains **8,942** words, excluding the parts of the document that are exempted by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(d).

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

Sincerely,



Jack Suber, Esq.
Principal



Sworn and subscribed before me this 31st day of August 2026.

