

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

GARY BETTS AND EARL BETTS,
Petitioners,
v.

BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ET AL.,
Respondents.

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT

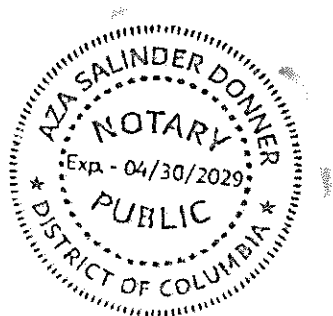
**BRIEF OF THE CATO INSTITUTE, DUE PROCESS
INSTITUTE, PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY, AND THE
RUTHERFORD INSTITUTE AS *AMICI CURIAE*
IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS**

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of October 2026.





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