

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

ARIELLA HELLMAN, ET AL.,
Petitioners,
v.

KATHERINE CRAVEN, ET AL.,
Respondents.

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

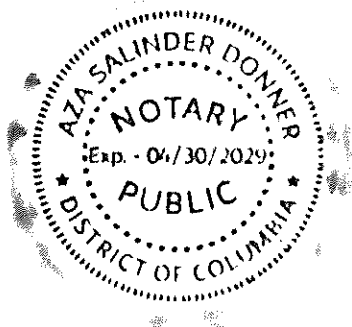
**Brief of *Amici Curiae* West Virginia, South
Carolina, and Twelve Other States in Support
of Petitioners**

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