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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard –

Enclosed for filing please find a cover letter and Respondent’s Corrected Certificate of Service of the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-captioned case. The Certificate of Service emailed earlier this morning had a typo in the body and included yesterday’s date, where the document was actually emailed by me at 2:14 am today. Petitioner is also being served with a copy of the same. Please let me know if I may provide anything additional at this time.

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Good Evening –

Attached for filing in the above-referenced case are the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Certificate of Service.

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