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Dear Ms. Howard:

I have attached the original Brief of Petitioner along with a Certificate of Service that I also emailed for filing today in the above-referenced case. I have also submitted the brief and appendix to Columbia Printing who is preparing the additional bound copies as requested and will be delivered directly to the Court.

Thank you for your assistance with filing these documents. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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