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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

John S. Nichols hereby enters a Notice of Appearance as appellants co-counsel in the above-mentioned matter.

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I certify that I have served a copy of John S. Nichols Notice of Appearance for the Appellants on all counsel, by emailing a copy of the same on August 18, 2026, by address as follows:

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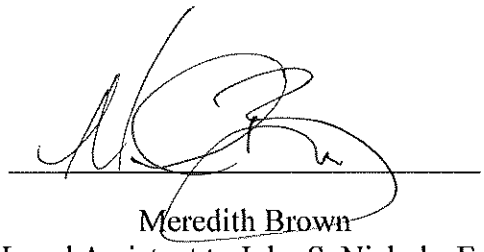

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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I have enclosed for filing a Notice of Appearance for John S. Nichols, Esq. as co-counsel for the Appellant, along with the Proof of Service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

With kind regards,

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Dear Counsel,

Please find enclosed for filling a Notice of Appearance on behalf of John Nichols as co-counsel for the Appellant, in the above referenced matter.

Thank you,
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