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**Via U.S. Mail**

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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Re: *Steven Newbern and Claudia Newbern v. Ford Motor Company*,  
Appellate Case No. 2016-002209

Dear Mrs. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and one copy of Appellants Steven and Claudia Newbern's *Initial Brief of Appellants* and *Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal* in the above-referenced case. Also enclosed is proof of service of the Brief and Designation of Matter.

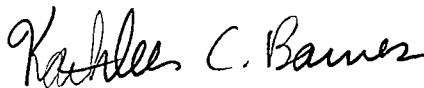
The parties entered into a protective order, a copy of which is attached, that addresses the filing of documents that "contain any portion of" or "information taken from" a protected document. Appellants' Initial Brief discusses information from a protected document. Pursuant to Paragraph 11 of the order, Appellants file their Initial Brief in a sealed envelope endorsed with the title of the action, the nature of the contents of the sealed envelope, and a statement that it is subject to a protective order. Appellants understand Respondent Ford Motor Company may file a motion to seal. Appellants discussed this issue with Respondent, who agreed it was appropriate for Appellants to file the brief in a sealed envelope.

Please return the file-stamped copy to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. By copy of this letter, I am serving all counsel of record with a copy of the same.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

With kind regards, I am,

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