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The Hon. Scott S. Harris
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Ridley School District v. M.R.; J.R., Parents of Minor Child E.R.*, No. 13-1547

Dear Mr. Harris:

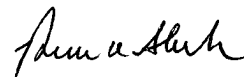
I am counsel of record for Petitioner in the above-captioned case, scheduled for consideration at the September 29 conference. Page 11 of Petitioner's reply brief states:

In *Arlington Central*, 548 U.S. at 295-296, the [clear-statement] rule "guided" the "resolution" of whether the IDEA authorized an award of expert fees under a statutory scheme that allows certain expenses to be taxed against *either* the school district or (in some cases) the parents or the parents' attorney, *see* 20 U.S.C. § 1415(i)(3)(B)(i).

Counsel for Respondents has alerted us that the cited provision—which had been amended in 2004 to provide fee-shifting to either party as indicated above, *see Arlington Central*, 548 U.S. at 300 n.2 (noting amendment)—was not the operative provision in *Arlington Central*. The unamended prior version that governed the fee request at issue there permitted fee-shifting only in favor of parents. *See* 20 U.S.C. § 1415(i)(3)(B) (1997). To avoid any uncertainty, Petitioner hereby withdraws and does not rely on the paragraph containing that sentence (except footnote 6).

Please circulate this letter to the Justices' Chambers upon receipt.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Alan L. Yatvin, Counsel for Respondents