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MATTHEW J. PLATKIN

Attorney General of New Jersey, and
SUNDEEP IYER, Director of the New
Jersey Division on Civil Rights,

Complainants,

v.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
EDUCATION, and MIDDLETOWN
TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOL
DISTRICT,

Respondents.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DIVISION OF LAW AND PUBLIC
SAFETY
DIVISION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
DOCKET NO.: P2023-900005

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

**CERTIFICATION OF
SENATOR DOUGLAS J.
STEINHARDT**

I, Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt, of full age, hereby certifies as follows:

1. I presently serve as State Senator to New Jersey's 23rd Legislative District, and as such, I am fully familiar with the facts set forth herein. This Certification is submitted in furtherance of an application to intervene as *amicus curiae*.

2. New Jersey's 23rd Legislative District encompasses a diverse electorate, spanning most of Warren County as well as portions of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties.

3. There are almost 175,000 voting-age men and women in this District, very many of whom are blessed with having children.

4. My wife Trudy and I are among that population of proud parents.

5. Together, we all share in the sleepless nights, the challenges, the successes, the responsibilities, and the overwhelming joys of parenthood. Speaking on behalf of the District, we all know what it means to be a parent, and we wouldn't trade it for the world.

6. We all take our God-given right to raise our children very seriously, and we do everything within our power to imbue our children with the values and wisdom that will allow them to live happy and fulfilling lives.

7. That is why my family and thousands of others in this District were utterly shocked when the State launched an attack on the sanctity of our right to direct our children's upbringing.

8. Ever since the State filed this unbelievable Complaint in the Division on Civil Rights against the Middletown Township Board of Education and the Middletown Township Public School District, my office has been absolutely inundated by outraged constituents.

9. Senator Testa and I have both sworn an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, as well as to faithfully represent the people of our Districts to the best of our ability.

10. As such, it is our solemn duty to make our constituents heard on this monumental issue of public concern, which involves unprecedented governmental intrusion into the modern family.

11. Furthermore, because of our constant interaction with the communities that we faithfully serve, Senator Testa and I are the best possible advocates for our constituency in this venue.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Dated:

Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt