In the Supreme Court of the United States

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE, THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE, THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE, INC., THE BIG 12 CONFERENCE, INC., CONFERENCE USA, MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE, MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE, PAC-12 CONFERENCE, SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE, SUNBELT CONFERENCE, AND WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE,

Petitioners,

v.

SHAWNE ALSTON, ET AL.,

Respondents.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I, Andrew J. Pincus, counsel for Petitioner The Big Ten conference, Inc., hereby certify that, according to the word-count tool in Microsoft Word, the Petition for Writ of Certiorari consists of 8,987 words, including footnotes and excluding the sections enumerated by Rule 33.1(d). The Petition therefore complies with Rule 33.1(g).

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