



ALAN WILSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

May 3, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Ben Sparks

records@americanoversight.org

RE: Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) Request

Dear Mr. Sparks:

This Office has received your FOIA request dated March 20, 2024, which seeks:

1. All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) sent by the Office of the Attorney General officials listed below and containing any of the key terms listed below.

Office of the Attorney General Officials:

1. Attorney General Alan Wilson
2. William Jeffrey Young, Chief Deputy Attorney General
3. Steve Lynch, Deputy Attorney General
4. Bob Cook, Solicitor General
5. Anyone communicating on behalf of the Attorney General, such as a chief of staff, assistant, or scheduler

Key Terms:

- a. “gender reassignment”
- b. “gender transition”
- c. “sex reassignment”
- d. “sex transition”
- e. “gender affirming”
- f. “gender-affirming”
- g. 4624
- h. Transgender
- i. Hormone
- j. Hormonal



- k. “puberty block”
- l. Dysphoria
- m. “gender identity”
- n. “help not harm”
- o. “trans health”
- p. “trans care”
- q. “biological sex”

In an effort to accommodate your office and reduce the number of potentially responsive records to be processed and produced, American Oversight has limited its request to emails sent by the listed officials. To be clear, however, American Oversight still requests that complete email chains be produced, displaying both sent and received messages. This means, for example, that both a listed official’s response to an email containing a listed key term and the initial received message are responsive to this request and should be produced.

- 2. All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between (a) the Office of the Attorney General officials listed above, and (b) any of the external entities or individuals listed below or anyone communicating on behalf of any of the entities listed below (including, but not limited to, at the listed email addresses and/or domains).

External Entities and Individuals:

- 1. Alliance Defending Freedom (adflegal.org)
- 2. American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (aaplog.org)
- 3. American College of Pediatricians or ACPeds (acpeds.org)
- 4. American Family Association (afa.net)
- 5. American Principles Project (americanprinciplesproject.org)
- 6. Child and Parental Rights Campaign (childparentrights.org)
- 7. Concerned Women for America (concernedwomen.org or cwfa.org)
- 8. Courage International (couragerc.org)
- 9. Do No Harm (donoharmmedicine.org)
- 10. Eagle Forum (eagleforum.org)
- 11. Ethics and Public Policy Center (eppc.org)
- 12. Family Policy Alliance (familypolicyalliance.com)
- 13. Family Research Council (frc.org or frcaction.org)
- 14. Federalist Society (fed-soc.org or fedsoc.org)
- 15. Gays Against Groomers (gaysagainstgroomers.com)
- 16. GenSpect (genspect.org)
- 17. Heritage Foundation (heritage.org or heritageaction.com)
- 18. Independent Women’s Forum (iwf.org)
- 19. James Cantor (jamescantophd@gmail.com)
- 20. Kelsey Coalition (kelseycoalition@gmail.com)
- 21. Liberty Counsel (lc.org)

22. Michael Laidlaw (drlaidlaw.com)
23. Moms for Liberty (momsforliberty.org, libertysqr.com)
24. Opportunity Solutions Project (solutionsproject.org)
25. Palmetto Family Alliance (palmettoalliance.org)
26. Palmetto Family Council (palmettofamily.org)
27. Parents of ROGD Kids (parentsofrogdkids.com)
28. Partners for Ethical Care (partnersforethicalcare.com)
29. Patrick Lappert
30. Paul Hruz (hruz_p@wustl.edu, hruz_p@kids.wustl.edu)
31. Promise to America's Children (promisetoamericaschildren.org)
32. Quentin Van Meter (kidendo@comcast.net)
33. Society for Evidence Based Gender Medicine (segm.org)
34. Stephen Levine

For part 2 of this request, please note that American Oversight does not seek, and this request specifically excludes, the initial mailing of news clips or other mass-distribution emails. However, subsequent communications forwarding such emails are responsive to this request. In other words, for example, if a listed custodian received a mass-distribution news clip email from Alliance Defending Freedom, that initial email would not be responsive to this request. However, if the listed custodian forwarded that email to another individual with their own commentary, that subsequent message would be responsive to this request and should be provided.

3. All assessments, reports, analyses, recommendations, scientific research, or guidance prepared or received by your office regarding treatment for gender transition, gender reassignment, or gender dysphoria, including, but not limited to, records related to South Carolina House Bill 4624.

For all parts of this request, please provide all responsive records from November 16, 2023, through the date the search is conducted.

On April 3, 2024, the Office determined that there are documents responsive to your request. This determination was in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-30(C).

The records of the Office have been searched and the non-exempt public records responsive to your request are being provided to you now. During our search a document came up containing an address of one of our employees with the digits 4624. We believe this is a false hit and have not included that document in your response.

Please be advised that certain records are not subject to disclosure pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-40(a)(7), and certain records have been redacted under S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-40(a)(2) and (7).

Sincerely yours,

Carly H. Davis

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Assistant Attorney General

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To: [Joseph Spate](#); [Thomas Hydrick](#); [Emory Smith](#); [Bob Cook](#); [Jeff Young](#)
Cc: [Whitney Michael](#); [Claire Brady](#); [Robert Kittie](#); [Matt Gates](#); [Valerie Ingram](#)
Subject: Amicus on Sign On Tracker Update Week Nov. 13-17
Date: Friday, November 17, 2023 4:17:27 PM
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[Amicus chart JUL-DEC 23 WK NOV 13-17.docx](#)
[Sign-on letter chart JUL-DEC 23 WK NOV 13-17.docx](#)

Hello everyone and hope you had a wonderful week. As a reminder, this is my final email of the update tracker. I have left a short PowerPoint presentation for whomever will take over. Thank you and God bless.

Decisions:

Yes

Category	Date	Case Title/ Nickname	Description	Lead State	Status	Court/Agency	Notes/ Legal Strategy	Assigned Atty.
Transgender	11/17/2023	Transgender change of official records (Fowler v. Stitt (10th Cir. App. 23-5080))	This brief argues Plaintiffs do not have a privacy interest in the states' records and that State laws and policies concerning the creation, organization, and preservation of their vital records are rationally related to a legitimate state interest.	KS	Joined	United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit		Thomas H.

No

Case / Subject	Court / Written to	Author State	Description / Position in Letter	Attorney	Decision/Date
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New Requests

Category	Date	Case Title/ Nickname	Description	Lead State	Status	Court/Agency	Notes/ Legal Strategy	Assigned Atty.

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Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 11:33:25 AM
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Today in History

Prohibition is ratified by the states

The [18th Amendment](#) to the U.S. [Constitution](#), prohibiting the “manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes,” is ratified by the requisite number of states on [January 16, 1919](#).

The State

[Human bones found prompting investigation, Richland County deputies say](#)

[Before GOP descends upon SC, Biden & Harris make push to Black voters ahead of Dem primary](#)

[Scout electric auto plant gets key permit to resume work in SC](#)

[SC weighs same-day home alcohol delivery, Sunday sales of liquor](#)

Greenville News

[SC House Republicans go after gender-affirming care in first week of legislative session](#)

[Nikki Haley calls on Republican voters to choose a new leader after Donald Trump wins Iowa Caucus](#)

[Visit from VP Kamala Harris makes South Carolina women's basketball coach Dawn Staley emotional](#)

Post and Courier

[Haley heads to New Hampshire today while DeSantis campaigns in Greenville this morning](#)

[Columbia fifth grader stars in sneaker commercial alongside NBA all-star](#)

[Black women are key to Biden in '24. Does tepid SC support foreshadow problems elsewhere?](#)

 [As SC county grapples with growth, clash over a rural shooting range highlights](#)

[zoning woes](#)

WSJ

[Having Conquered Iowa, Trump Sets Sights on New Hampshire and Haley](#)

[Bipartisan Tax Deal Would Provide Boost to Businesses, Families](#)

[E. Jean Carroll's Second Defamation Trial Could Hit Trump's Wallet Again](#)

[The Gun Influencer Who Used Small-Town Cops to Import Machine Guns](#)

Office Mentions

[South Carolina AG requests \\$10 million for child victims of human trafficking](#)

['Everything got stolen from us': Florence man dies 7+ years after being shot](#)

[Fate of Calhoun statue unclear years after its removal from Charleston's Marion Square](#)

[Simpsonville man arrested on multiple sex charges involving a minor, AG says](#)

[Greenville County man charged with child sexual exploitation](#)

[2 former assisted living employees charged with stealing elderly residents' money in South Carolina](#)

[Judge dismisses portion of Calhoun statue lawsuit](#)

[1.15.2024 FITSNews __ The Grim Reality Of Human Trafficking In South Carolina](#)

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Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 12:03:08 PM
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Today in History

Post-World War I peace conference begins in Paris

On January 18, 1919, in Paris, France, some of the most powerful people in the world meet to begin the long, complicated negotiations that would officially mark the end of the [First World War](#).

The State

[Flood risks rise as federal wetlands protections disappear. SC needs help, senators told](#)

[Student found with gun at high school in Richland County, SC sheriff says](#)

[Another book removed from SC Midlands school district's shelves. It's a graphic novel](#)

[SC Dems urge McMaster to reconsider move to reject federal money to feed disadvantaged kids](#)

Greenville News

[Building from the ground up: Formerly incarcerated men thrive in new woodshop after fire](#)

[U.S. Congressman Jeff Duncan says he will not seek re-election for 8th term](#)

[Haley says Trump is 'lying' about her record, chides him for refusing to debate](#)

[Lawsuit filed for access to Spartanburg Sheriff's Operation Rolling Thunder records](#)

Post and Courier

[Man vs. wild: A Mount Pleasant resident battles a rabid coyote to save his dog](#)

[South Carolina DOT Secretary Christy Hall announces retirement](#)

[SC House advances gender-affirming care ban despite pushback from Dems, Freedom Caucus](#)

[Smell that? SC lawmaker, cannabis advocates push to remove marijuana odor as probable cause](#)

WSJ

[Biden Accedes to Tougher Immigration Policy to Deflect Criticism, Secure Ukraine Aid](#)

[Uvalde Massacre Response Failed at Every Point, Says New Federal Report](#)

[The U.S. Plan for a Postwar Middle East Isn't Gaining Much Traction](#)

[Nikki Haley Has a South Carolina Problem: Her Home State Is Trump Country](#)

Office Mentions

[Murdaugh quest for a new murder trial just got harder, veteran SC attorney says. Here's why \(doesn't mention us\)](#)

[Former Wofford student accused of rape sues school, accuser after charges dismissed](#)

[Myrtle Beach man faces up to 40 years in prison on child sexual exploitation charges](#)

[After Iowa Caucus, how do candidates rank in latest SC GOP presidential power rankings?](#)

[Family says investigation into missing Orangeburg County woman mishandled after remains identified](#)

[South Carolina latest state to settle in Medicaid scandal that started in Ohio](#)

[1.16.2024 FITSNews _ Murdaugh Status Conference: Jean Toal Slams Door On The Defens](#)

[1.16.2024 FITSNews _ Murdaugh Madness: The Mystery Of Juror No. 630](#)

[1.17.2024 FITSNews _ Bad Day For Alex Murdaugh: Interview With Lauren Taylor](#)

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Date: Thursday, December 14, 2023 11:19:55 AM
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Today in History

Roald Amundsen becomes first explorer to reach the South Pole

On December 14, 1911, Norwegian Roald Amundsen becomes the first explorer to reach the South Pole, beating his British rival, Robert Falcon Scott.

The State

[\\$3.7M turfs were supposed to keep Midlands high school fields cool. They don't, suit says](#)

[Could President Biden's high-speed rail come to SC? Here's where it might go](#)

[Columbia hate crime suspects alleged to have targeted Hispanics held without bail](#)

[Texas man who stole over \\$77,000 in armed robbery of SC bank goes to prison, official says](#)

Greenville News

[Grading Dawn Staley's South Carolina newcomers from Te-Hina Paopao to MiLaysia Fuwiley](#)

[Clemson's Lucas Glover, Jack Leggett among 2024 inductees in South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame](#)

Post and Courier

[In Augusta, Georgia, the death of a burn center's director revealed troubling secrets](#)

[Charleston judge to update \\$13.7B 'forever chemicals' settlements](#)

[Jury awards \\$44.6M in damages in Dorchester County civil trial involving Amazon deliveries](#)

[SC Supreme Court hears arguments in Atlantic Beach election case](#)

WSJ

[World Central Banks Signal Victory Over Inflation Is in Sight](#)

[House Passes Defense Policy Bill, Leaving Out Abortion, Transgender Provisions](#)

[Israeli Military Steps Up Raids in Flashpoint West Bank City](#)

[Snubbed by the U.S. on Aid, Ukraine Turns to Bickering Europe](#)

Office Mentions

[Ex-Rock Hill police officer indicted on new federal child pornography charges](#)

[South Carolina judicial reform committee hones in on modest changes](#)

[12.14.2023 FITSNews _ Murdaugh Clerk Drama: Becky Hill Rips Ethics Complaints Filed Against Her](#)

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Today in History

Malcolm X assassinated

February 21, 1965: In New York City, [Malcolm X](#), an African American nationalist and religious leader, is [assassinated](#) while addressing his Organization of Afro-American Unity at the Audubon Ballroom in Washington Heights. He was 39.

The State

[Mosquito control program polluted SC lake with chemicals, lawsuit says. Duke Energy blamed](#)

[Legendary coach's wife fell on an escalator at USC's stadium. A lawsuit was settled for \\$1M](#)

[Fewer bars, restaurants will serve alcohol in S.C. unless this state law changes](#)

[Solar eclipse to darken SC skies soon. Here's when to best watch in different cities](#)

Greenville News

['My revenge will be success': Trump talks legal issues, VP options at Greenville town hall](#)

[Trump, Haley visits put Greenville at the epicenter of the Republican primary election race](#)

['I'm not going anywhere': Nikki Haley vows to keep fighting Donald Trump in 2024 GOP race](#)

[Polls: Haley lags in home state, Trump leads ahead of South Carolina Republican primary](#)

Post and Courier

[Former North Charleston police officer charged in Jan. 6, 2021, assault on US Capitol](#)

[Hampton sheriff warned of financial irregularities months before SLED investigation](#)

[Rumors in rural SC town key part of defense in hate crime trial of transgender woman's murder](#)

[Supreme Court says it will not take up SC port's Leatherman Terminal labor dispute](#)

WSJ

[U.S. to Invest Billions to Replace China-Made Cranes at Nation's Ports](#)

[Harvard Condemns Antisemitic Image Circulated by Student and Faculty Groups](#)

[Ukraine's Military Spy Chief Says Russia Will Struggle to Keep Up the Fight](#)

[Red State Push for More Gun-Carrying Teachers Hits Resistance](#)

Office Mentions

[Alex Murdaugh's drug associates sentenced. What about Curtis Edward 'Cousin Eddie' Smith?](#)

[Private company offers to sell Captain Sams Spit to the state for 'a bargain sale price'](#)

[Administrator of assisted living home in SC charged with neglect of 7 residents, AG says](#)

[NEWBERRY TO HOST INAUGURAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE](#)

[Attorney General Alan Wilson announces arrest of Columbia man for neglect of vulnerable adults](#)

[Spartanburg County man charged with sexual exploitation of child](#)

[Spartanburg County man arrested on child sex abuse charges](#)

[Summerville man charged over explicit images involving children, feds say](#)

[Summerville man faces 20 charges for sexual exploitation of minors: Attorney General](#)

[Spartanburg County, South Carolina, man charged with child sex crimes, AG says](#)

[Summerville man to be prosecuted on 20 charges related to child sex abuse](#)

[Georgia man gets 3 years in prison for traveling to have sex with Beaufort minor](#)

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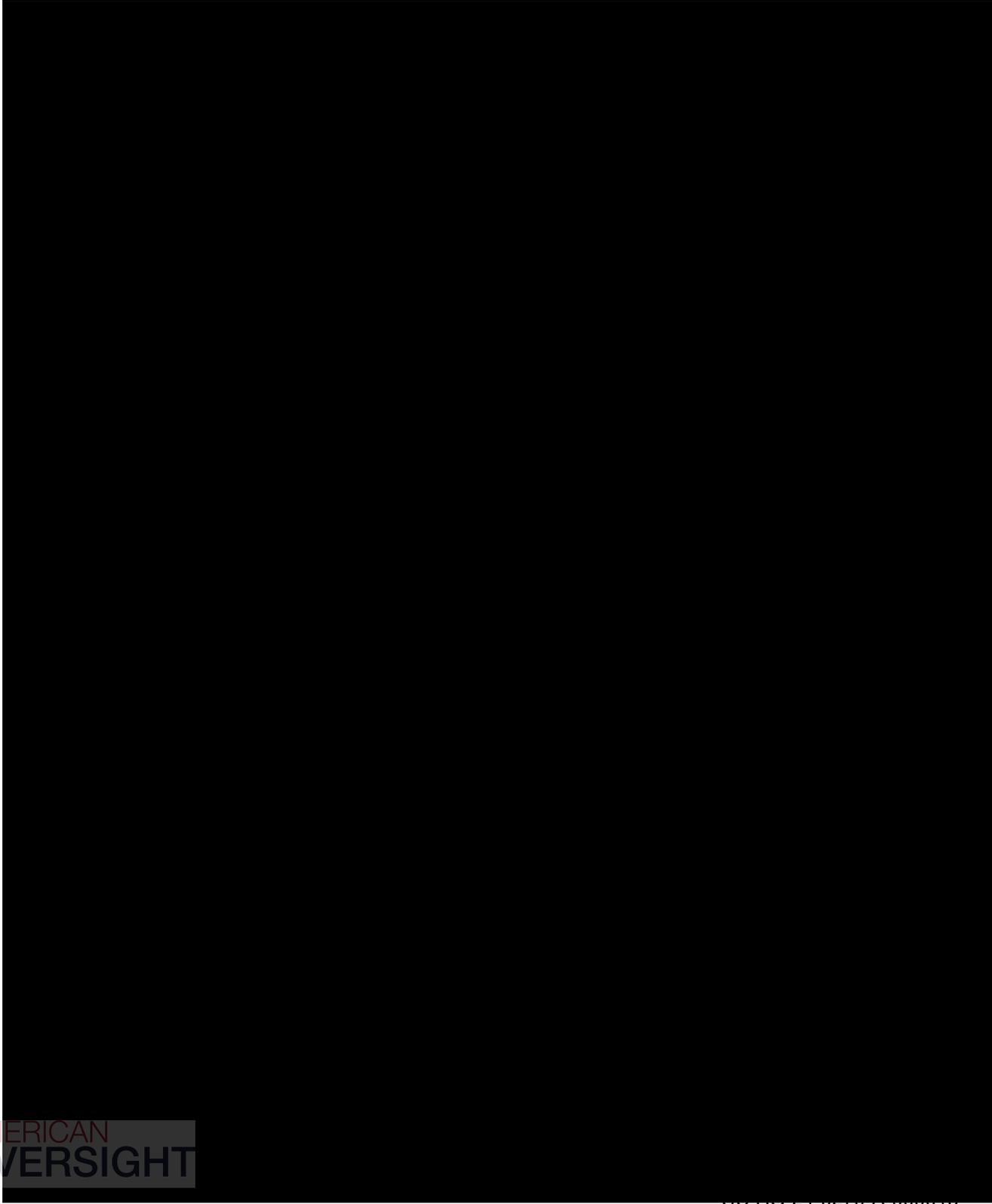
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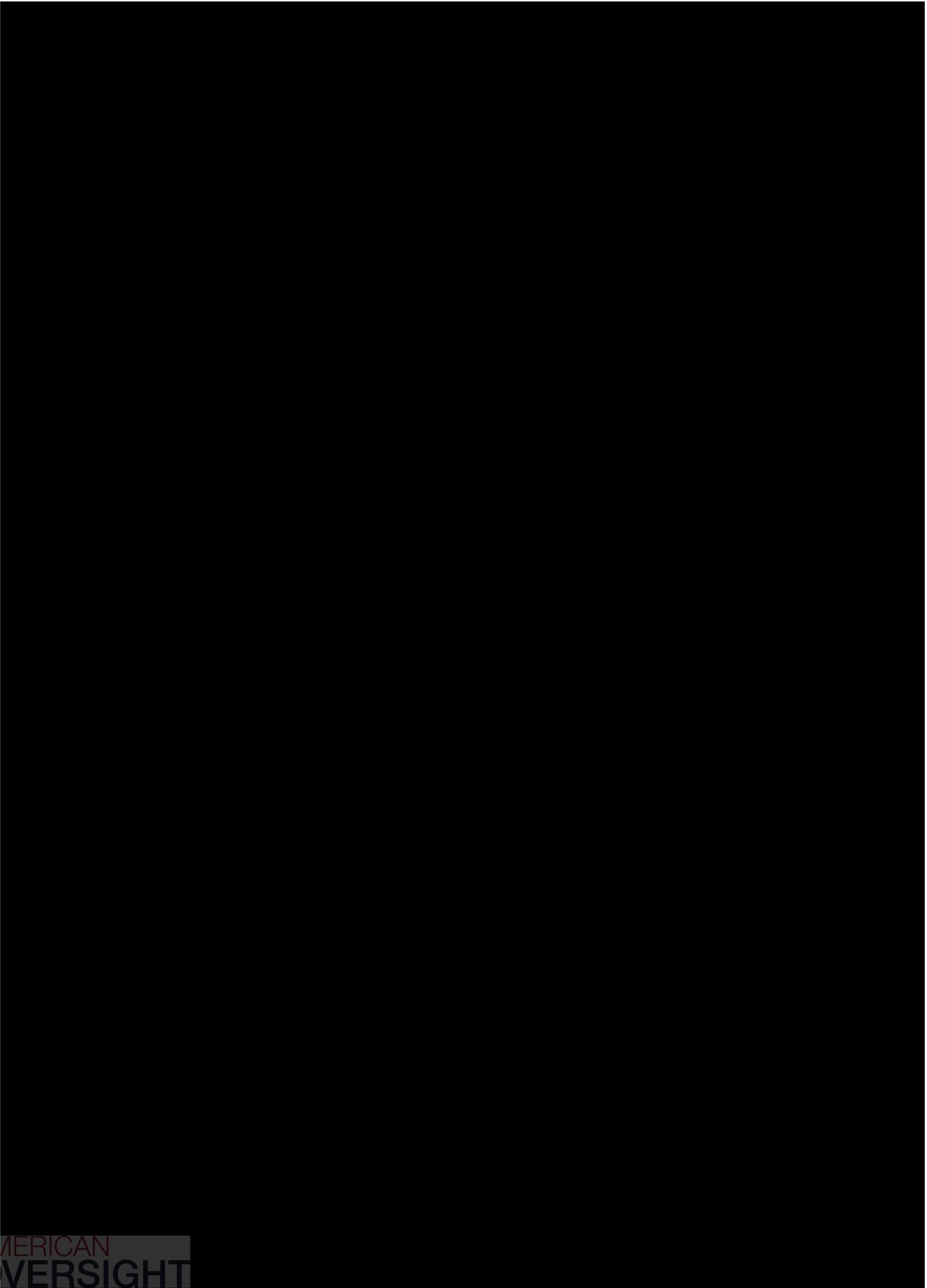


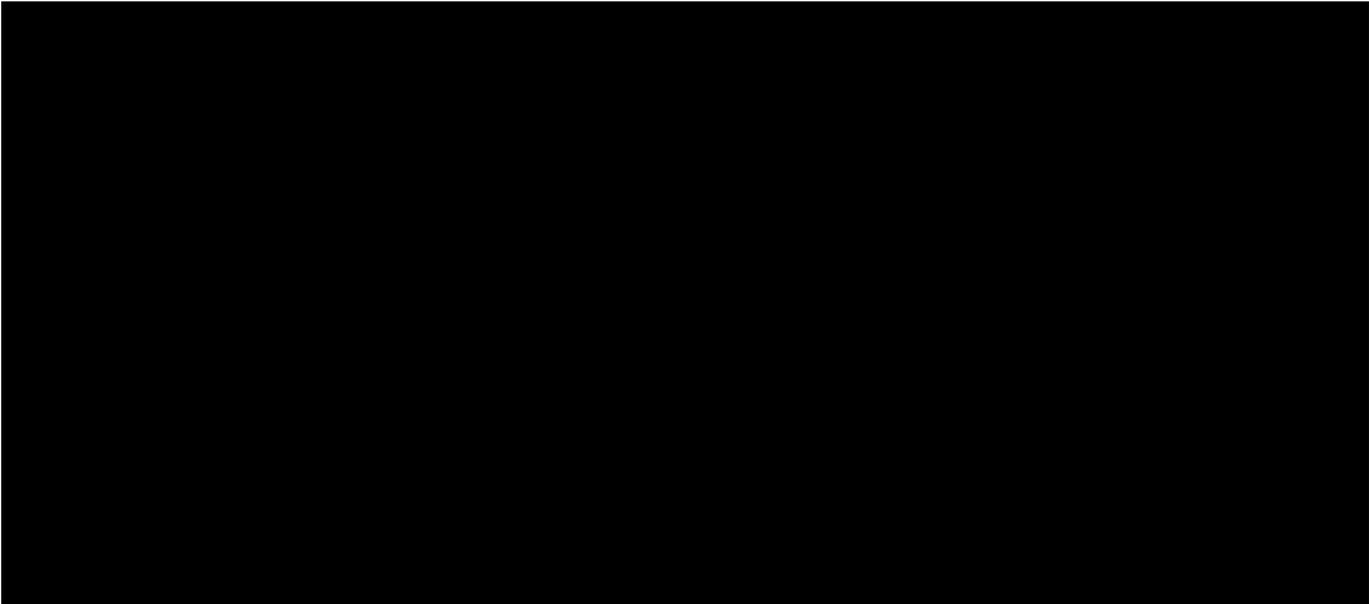
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Cc: [Bob Cook](#); [Jeff Young](#); [Joseph Spate](#); [Matt Gates](#)
Subject: FW: Amicus join request in Roe v. Critchfield, No. 23-2807 (9th Cir.)
Date: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 3:22:20 PM
Attachments: [Amicus Brief of Indiana, Alabama, and 22 Other States.pdf](#)

Brief as filed.







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Subject: Appellate Case No. 2023-001673 (Eidson, et al. v. SC Department of Education, et al.)

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Good afternoon,

Attached for filing please find a Motion of Palmetto State Teachers Association for Leave to File *Amicus Curiae* Brief and proposed Brief of *Amicus Curiae* of Palmetto State Teachers Association in Support of Petitioners and Proof of Service in the above-referenced matter. A check in the amount of \$50.00 has been hand delivered to the court for the filing fee under separate cover.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Attachments: [Carson as next friend of O C v Makin.rtf](#)

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Subject: FW: Eidson v. S.C. Dept. of Ed. (No. 2023-001673) -- Service of Reply Brief of Petitioners
Date: Friday, February 2, 2024 9:21:06 AM
Attachments: [2024.02.01 Eidson Reply Brief Final.pdf](#)
[2024.02.01 - Proof of Service - Reply Brief of Petitioner.pdf](#)

I don't think I've forwarded this one. I believe I received 8 briefs total yesterday .

Emory

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Counsel,

Please find attached, for service upon you, electronic copies of the Reply Brief of Petitioners that will be filed in the above-referenced matter with the South Carolina Supreme Court shortly.

Regards,

William Tinkler

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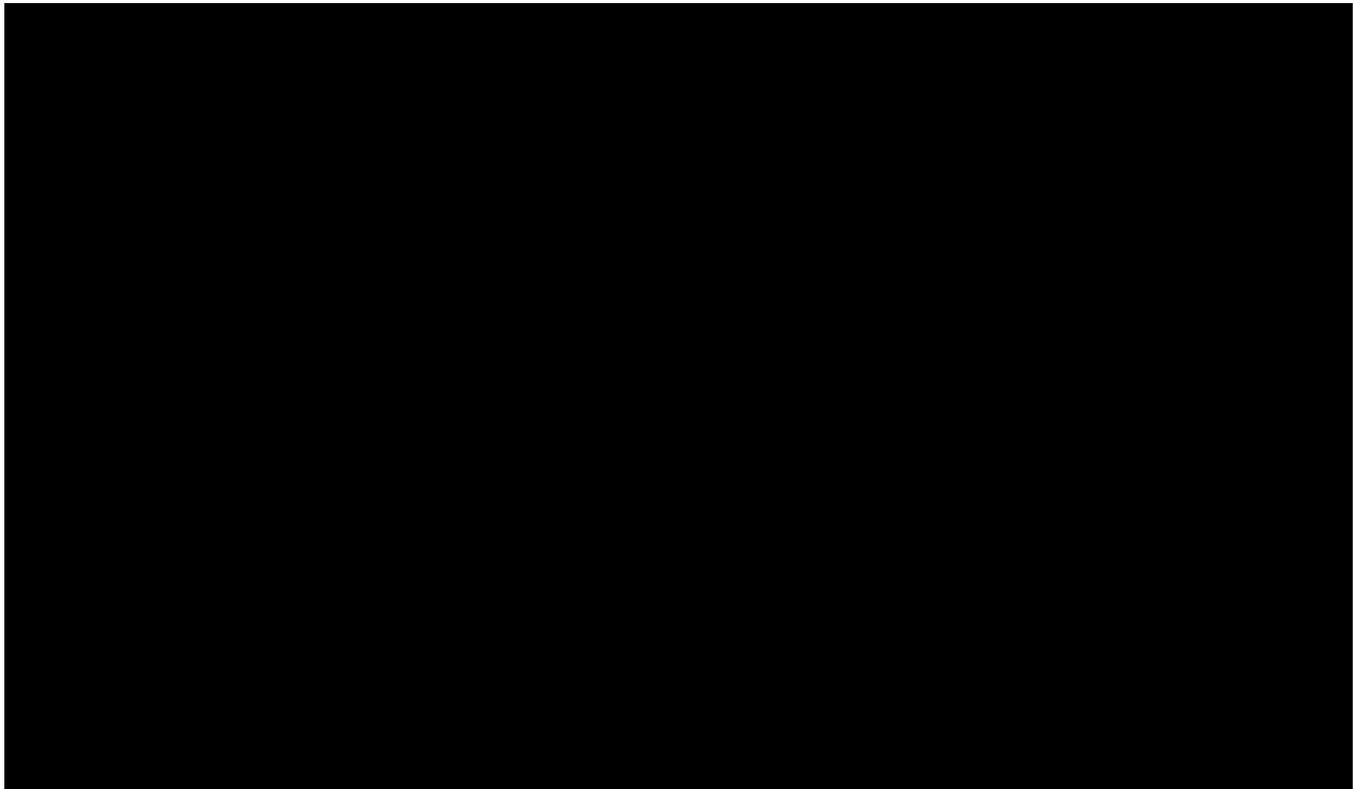
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Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 3:35:18 PM
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[2023-12-19 - State Mtn for Lv to file Amici Br..pdf](#)

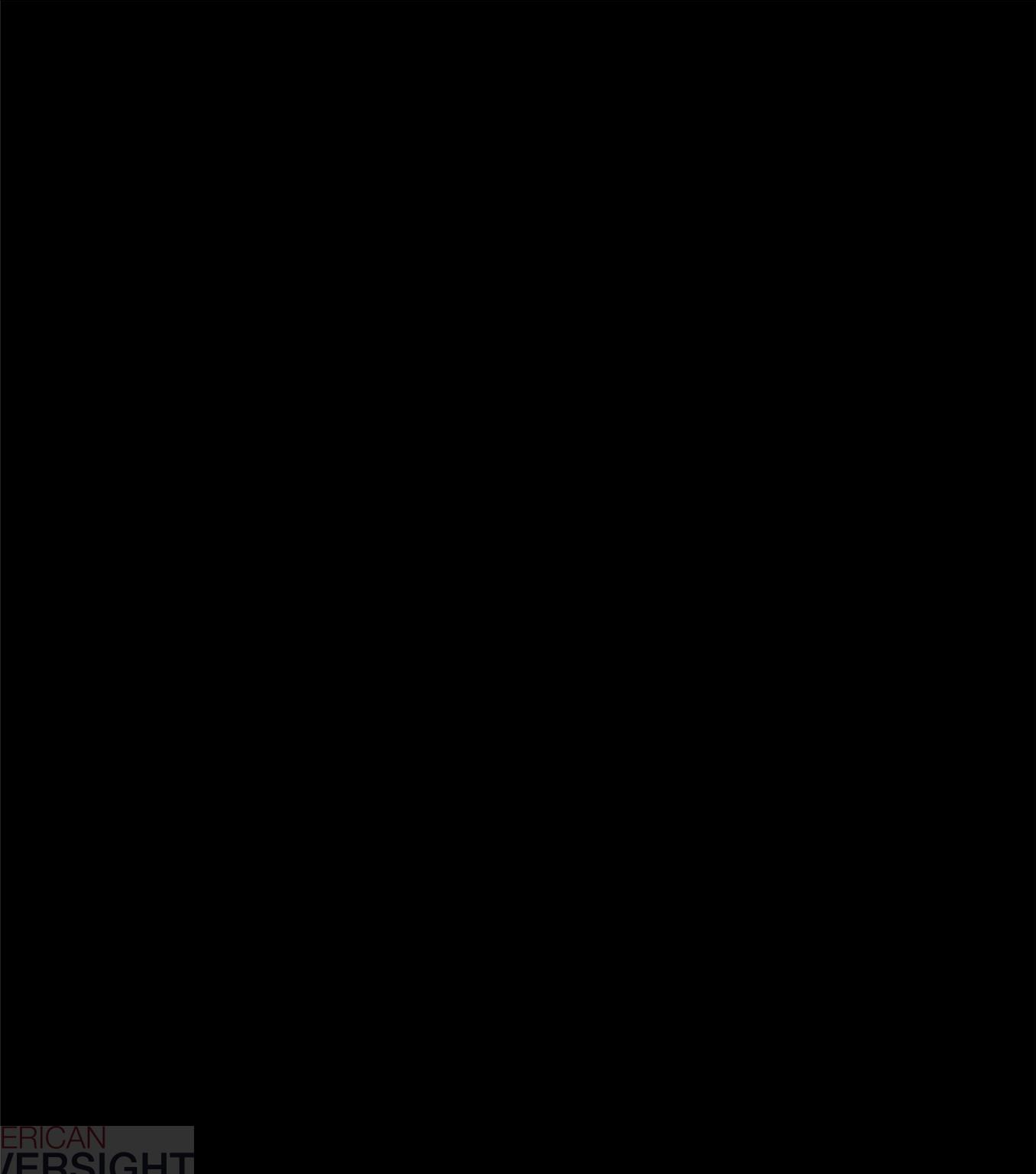
FYI, the amicus brief as filed in support of the baker defendant who declined to prepare a gender transition cake. I am doubtful that a media release is needed.

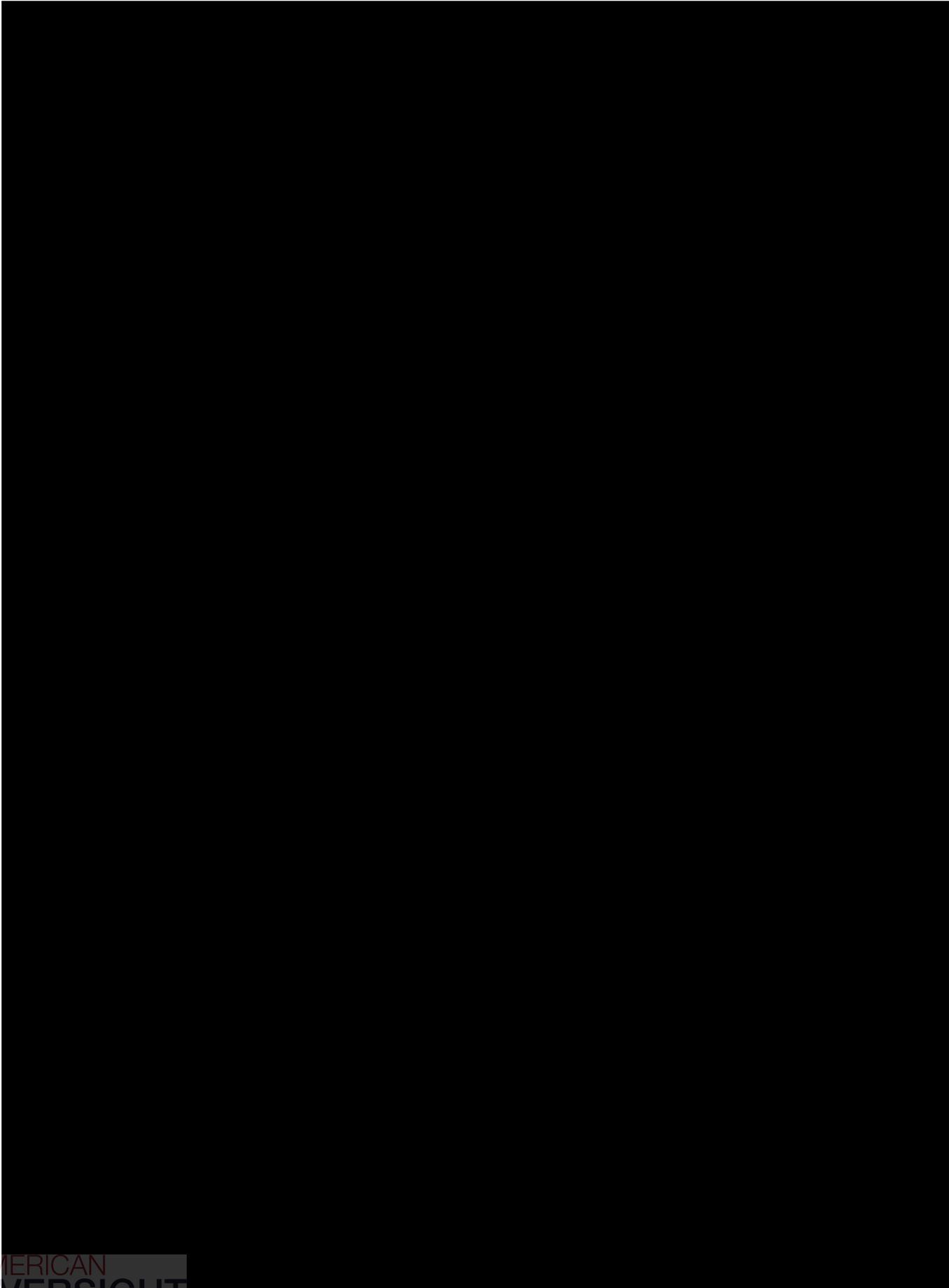
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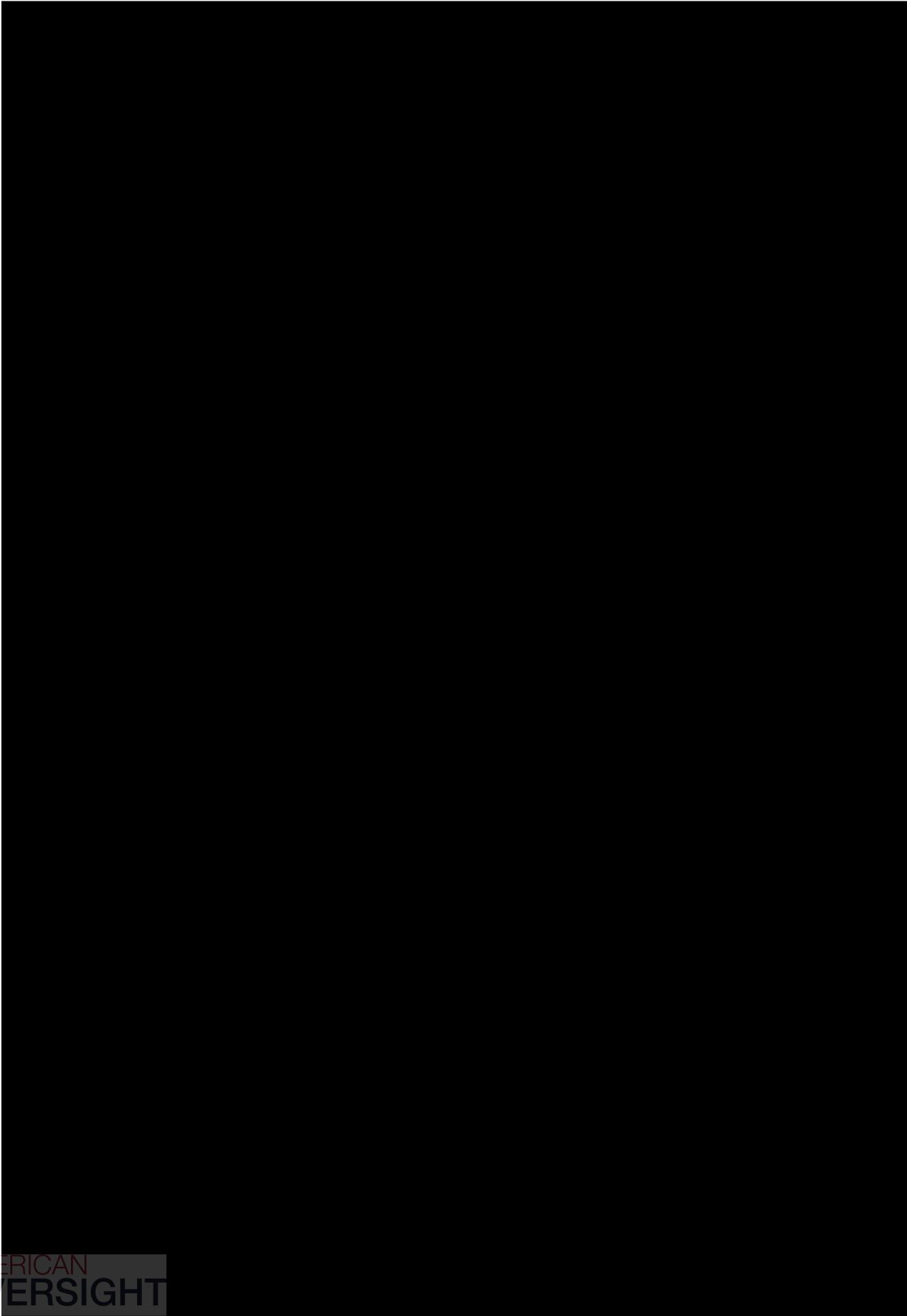


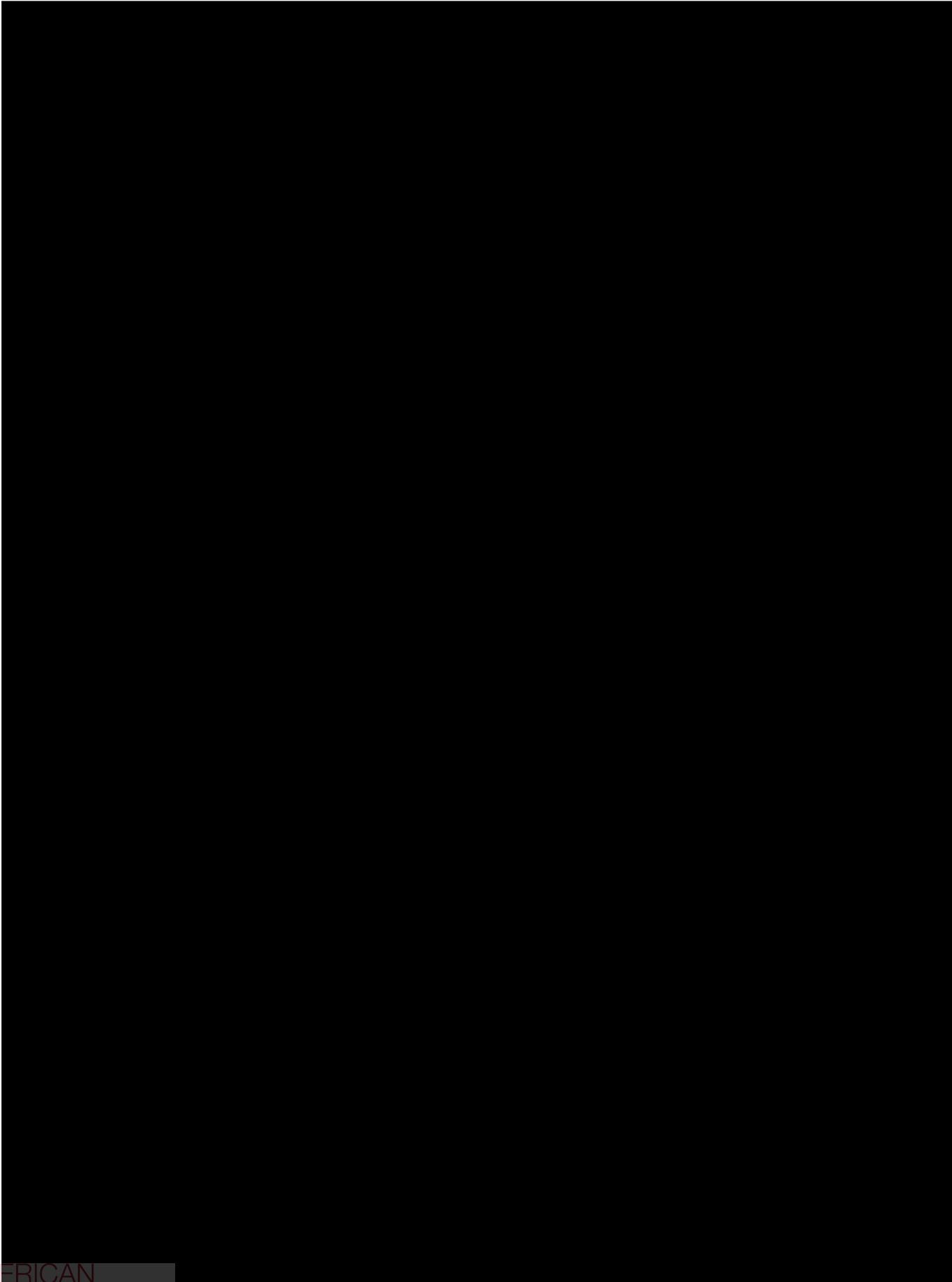
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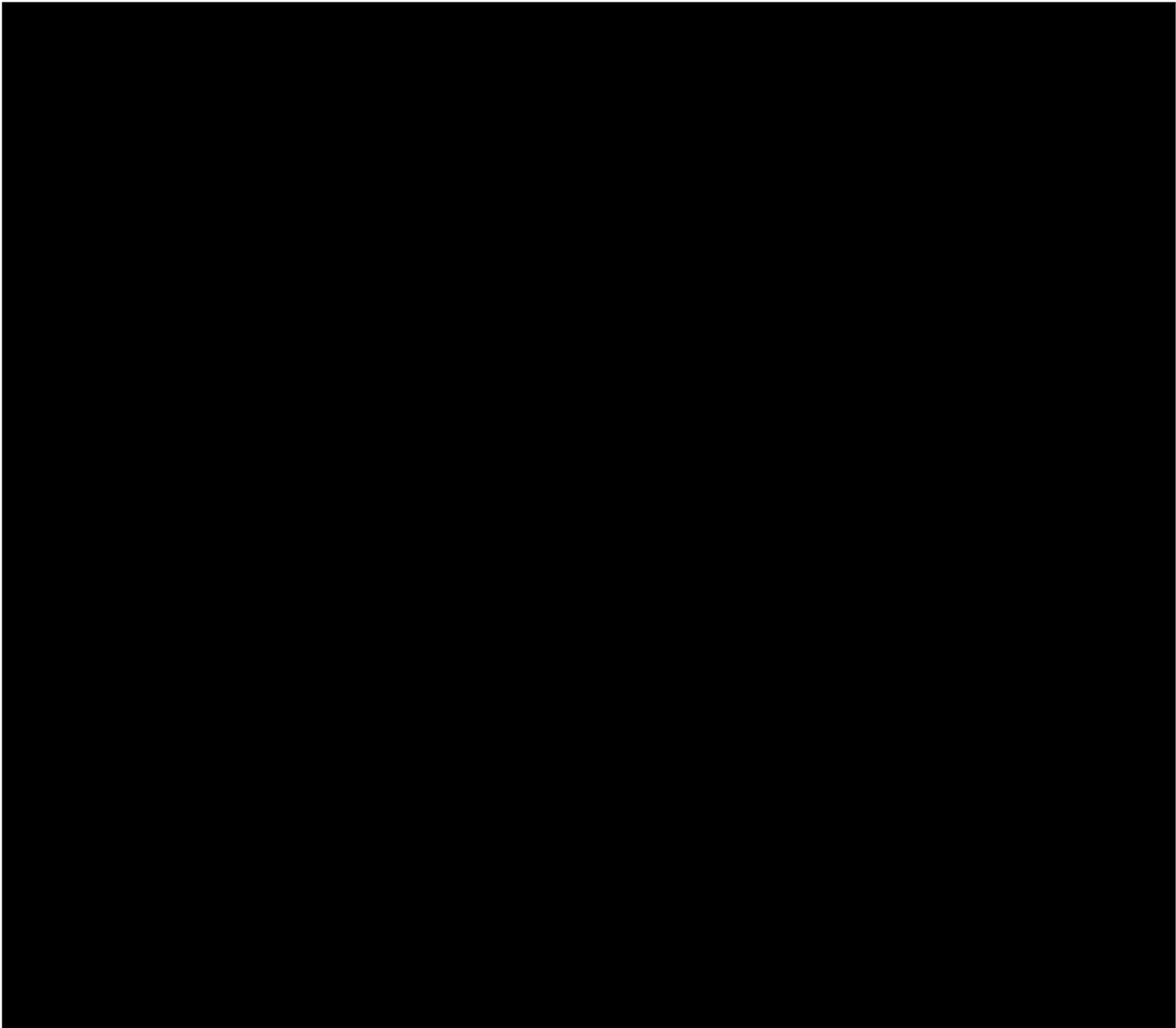
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It looks like something similar to the case we saw in Indiana is happening in Montana (though it appears no suit has been filed yet). It will be interesting to see how Montana's AG will handle this one if/when suit is filed.

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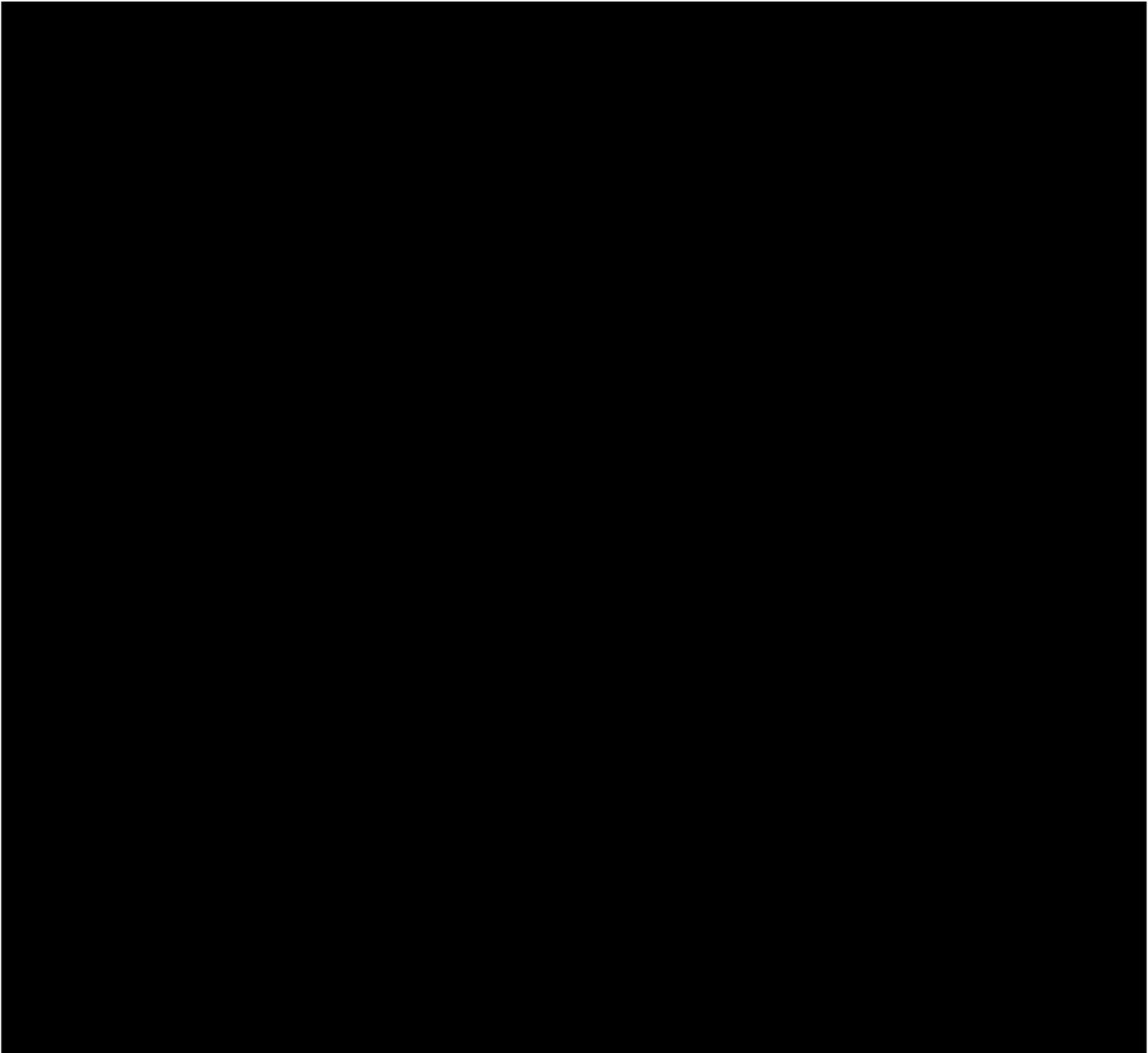
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FYI, attached is the filed amicus brief in support of Idaho's law banning gender transition medical procedures for minors. I do not believe a media release needs to be done.

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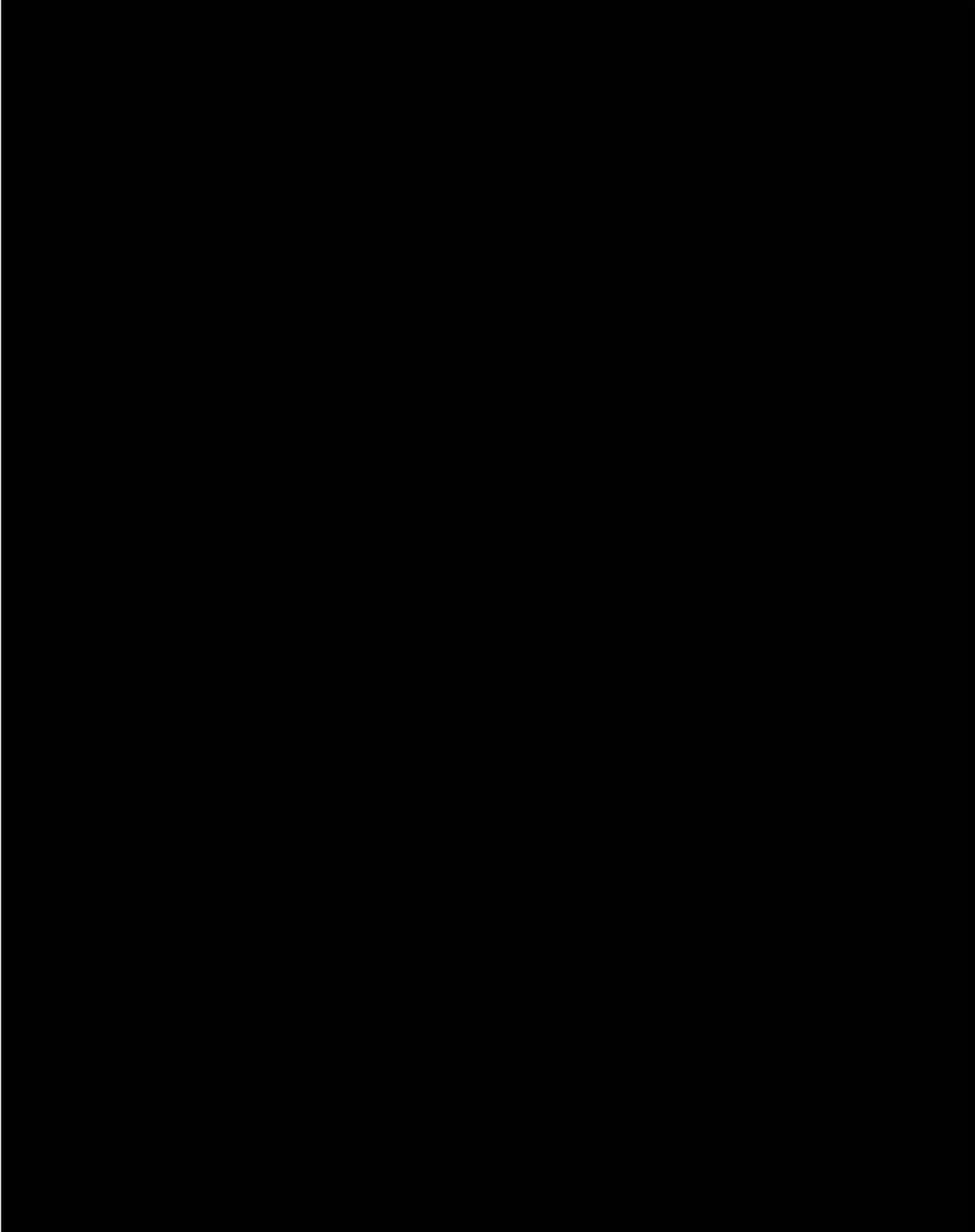


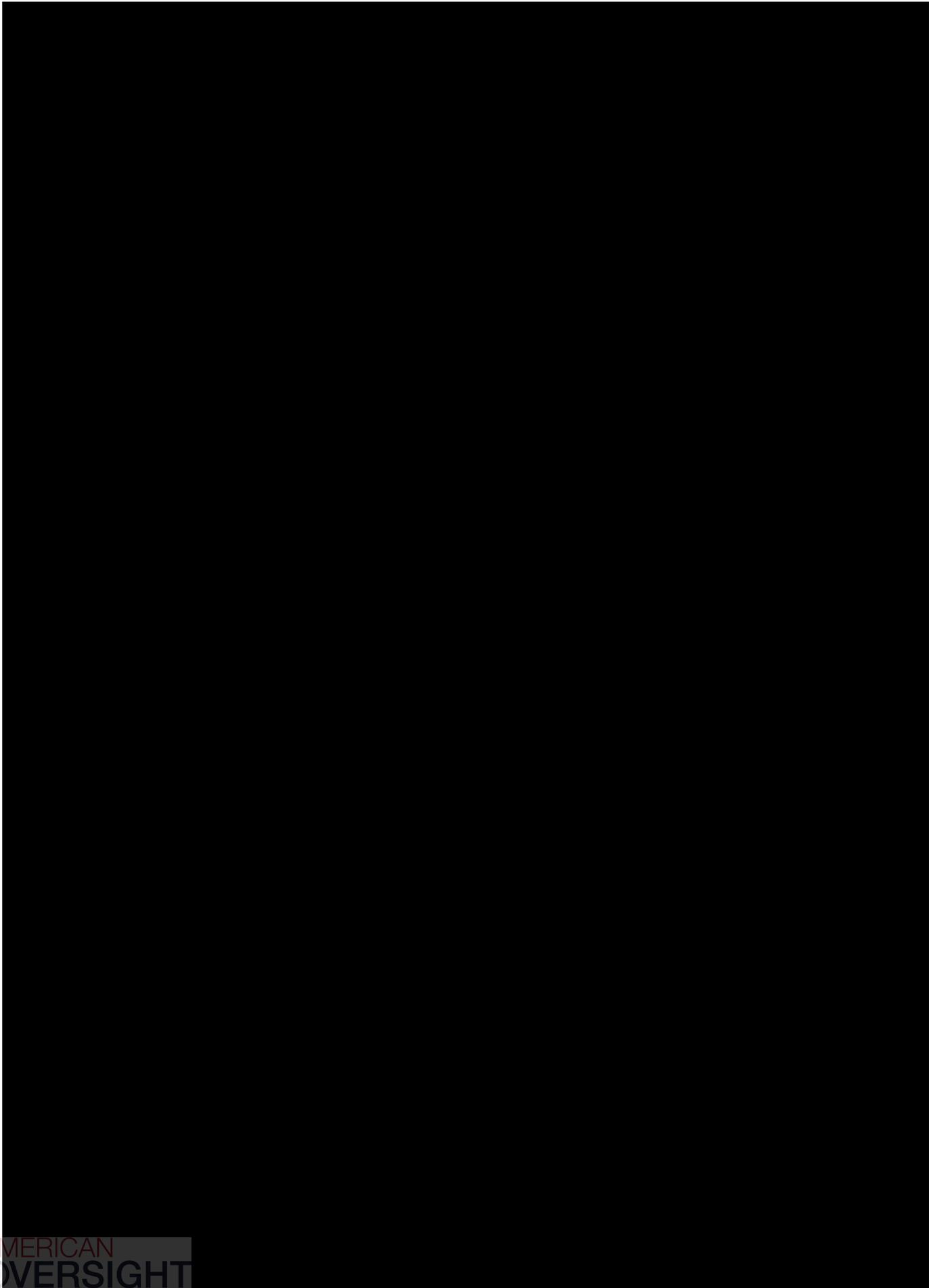
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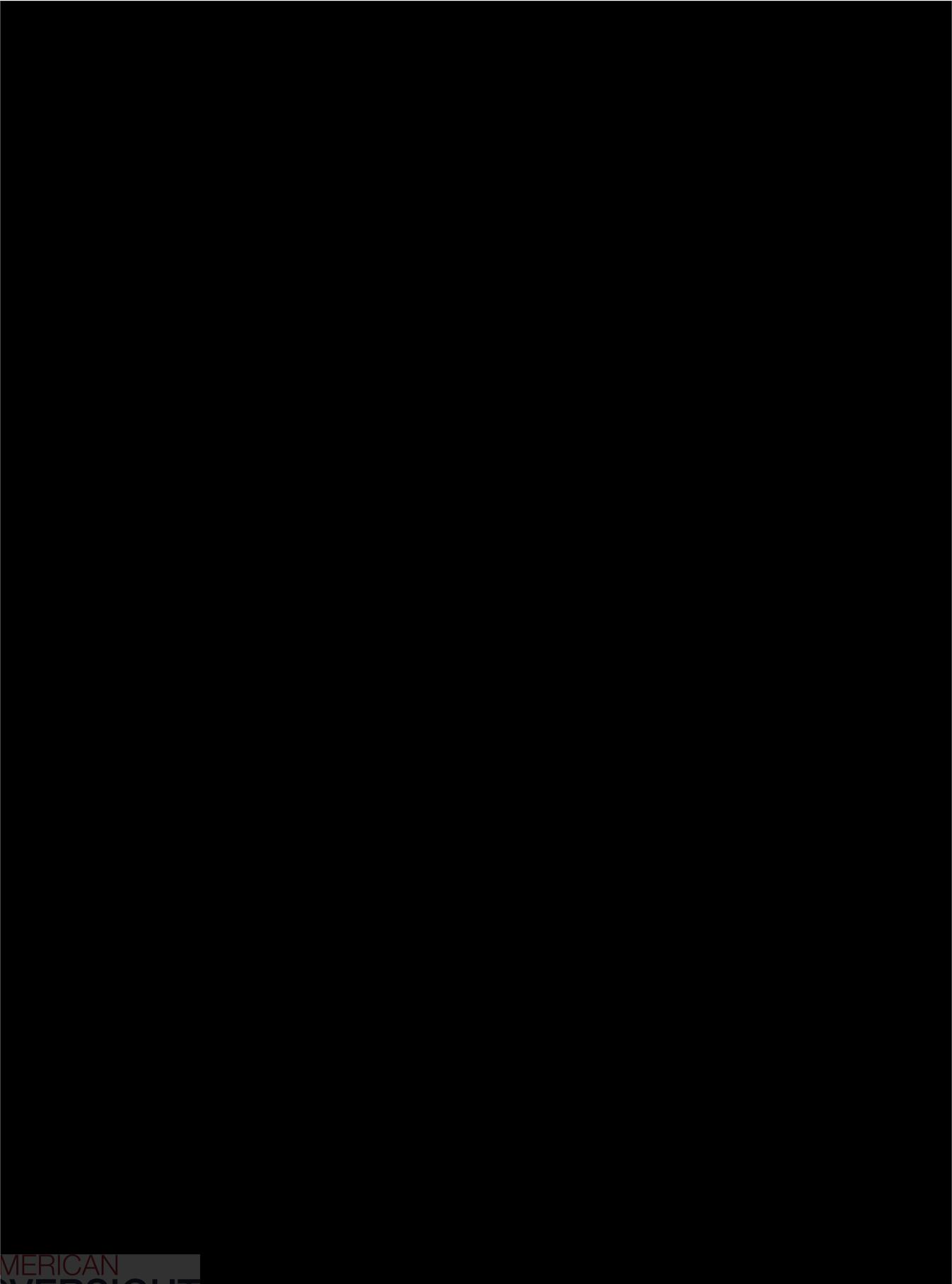
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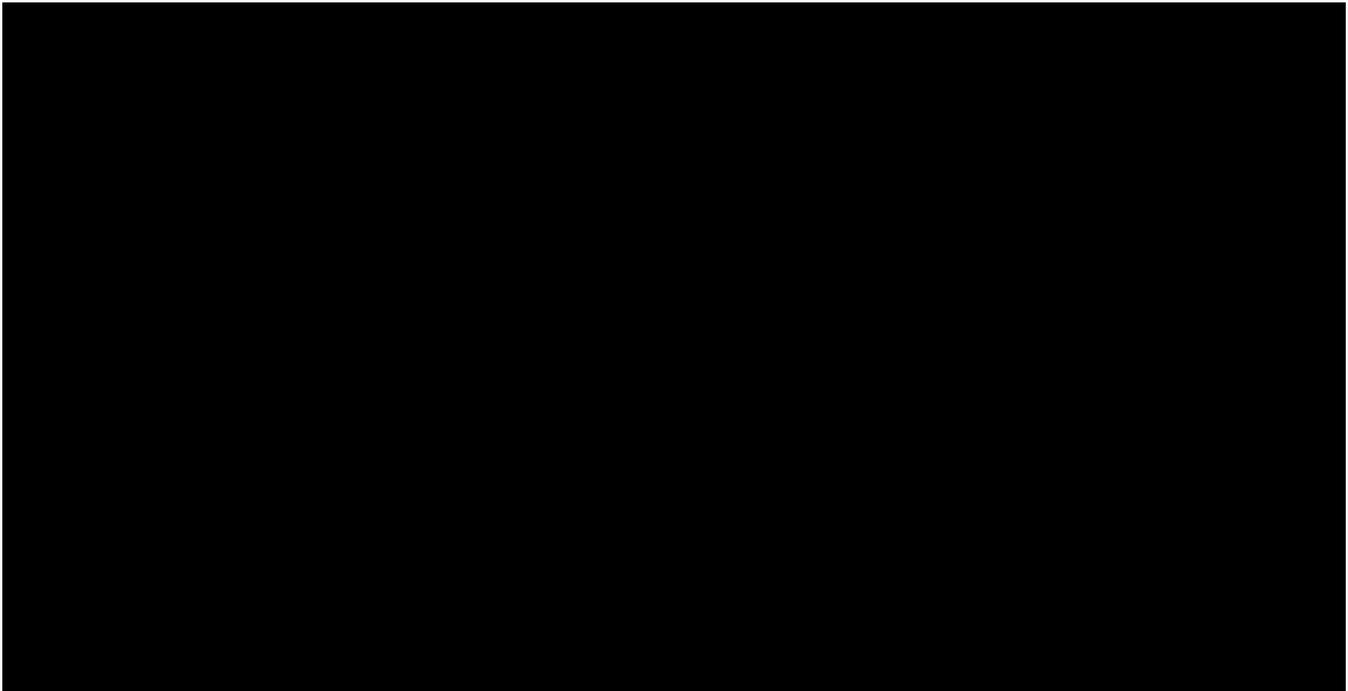


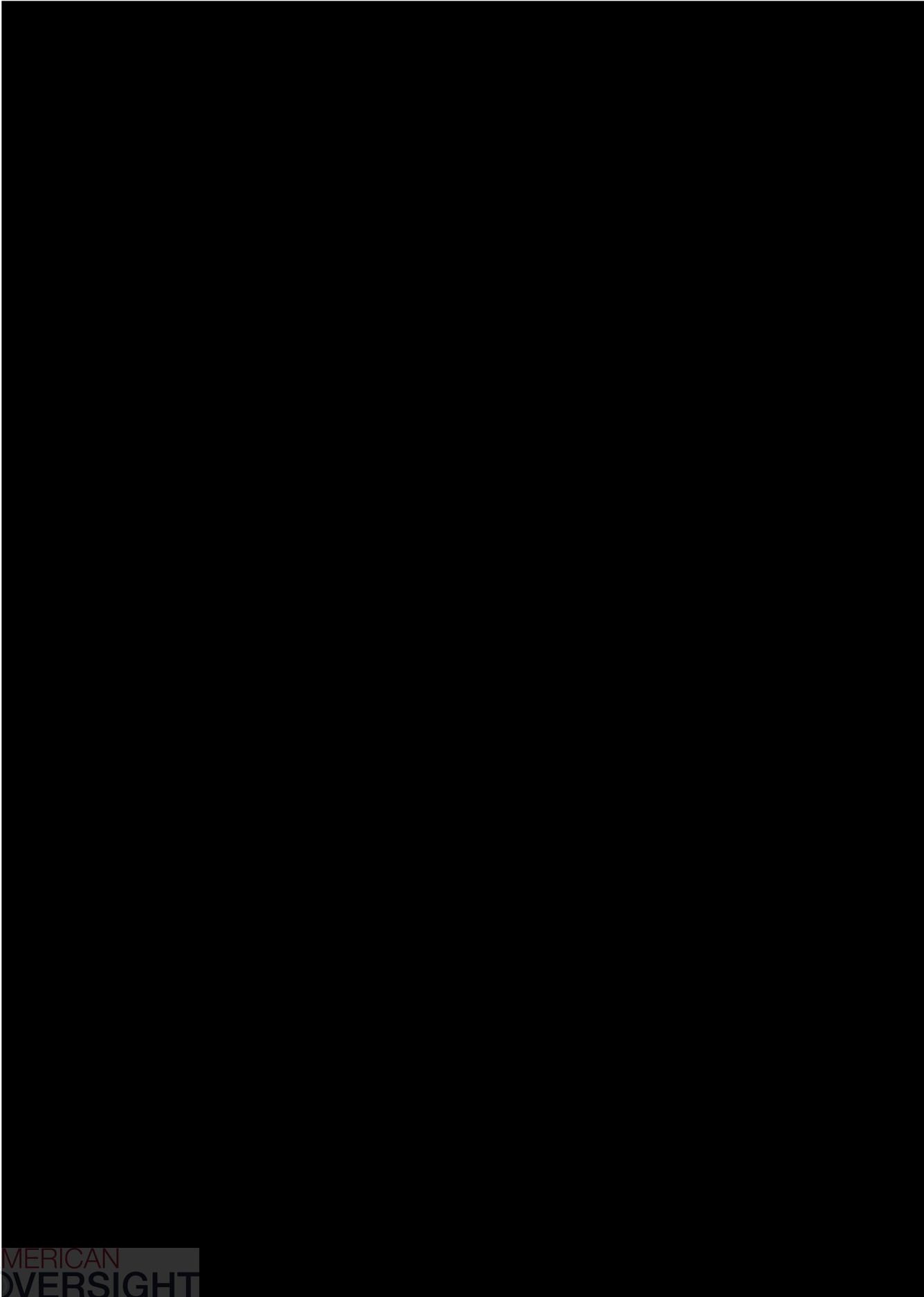
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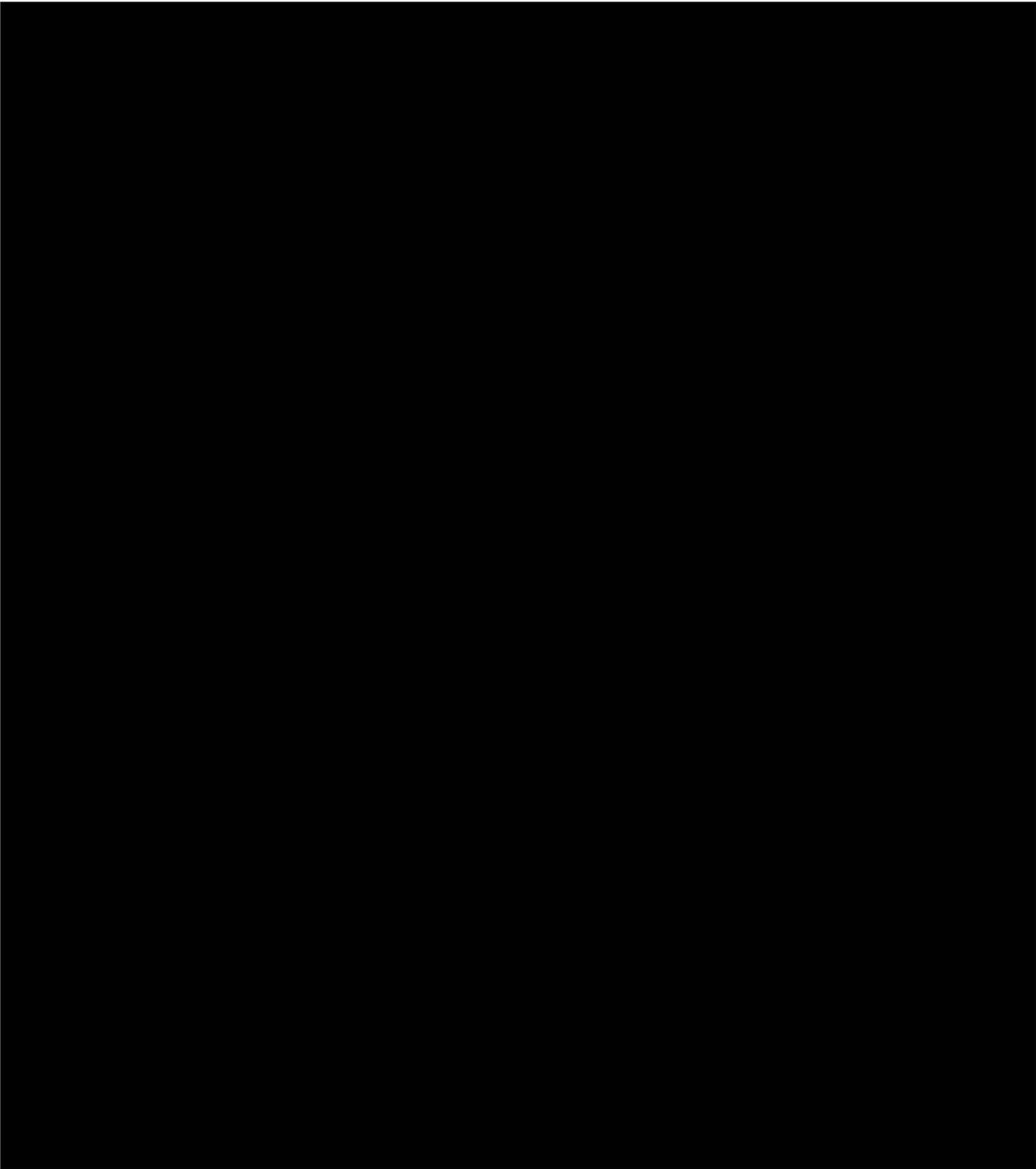
Attached is Alabama's filed comment letter addressing a proposed HHS rule that would require foster placement agencies to ensure that foster children identifying as LGBTQI+ are placed in foster homes that affirm their identity.

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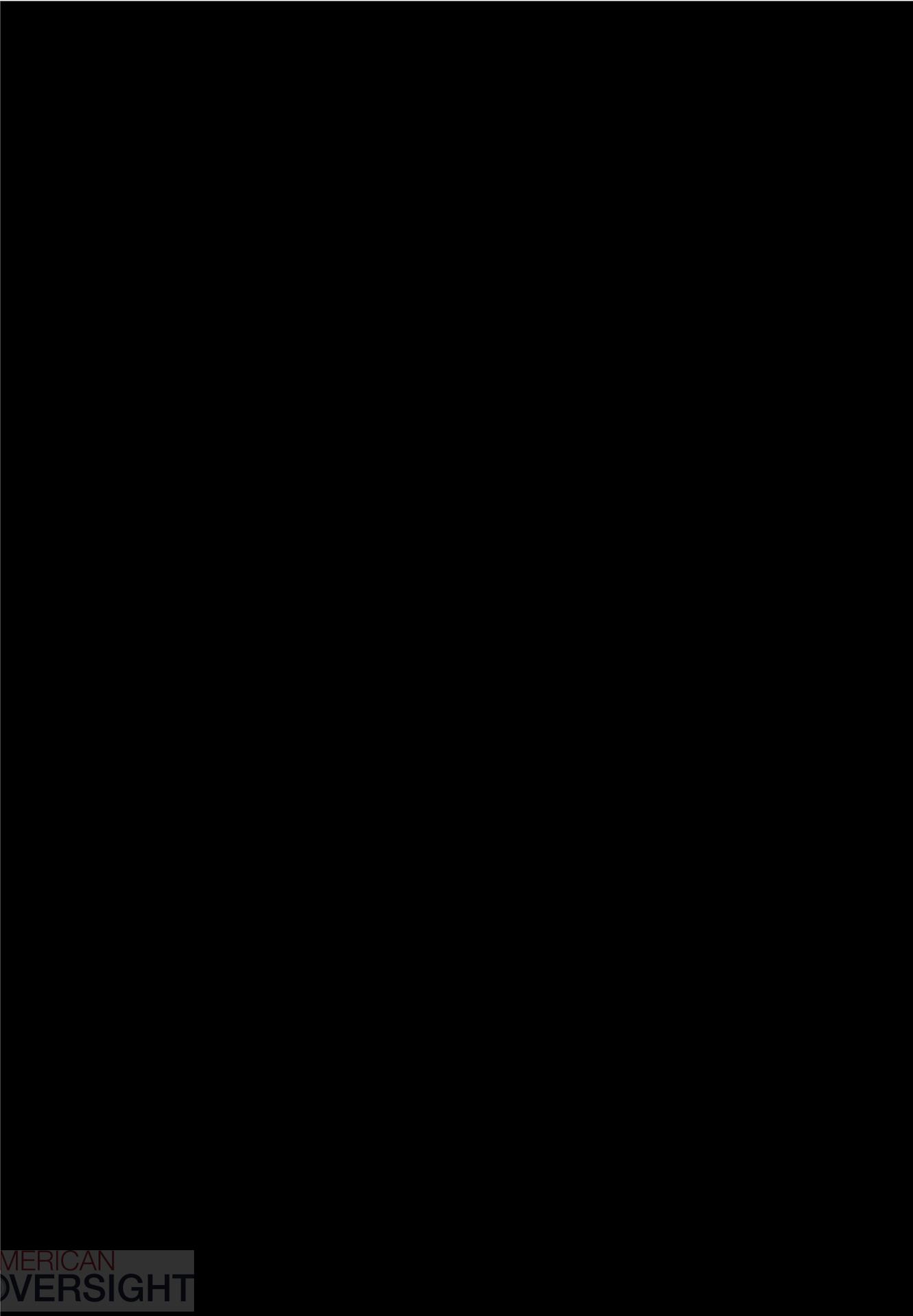


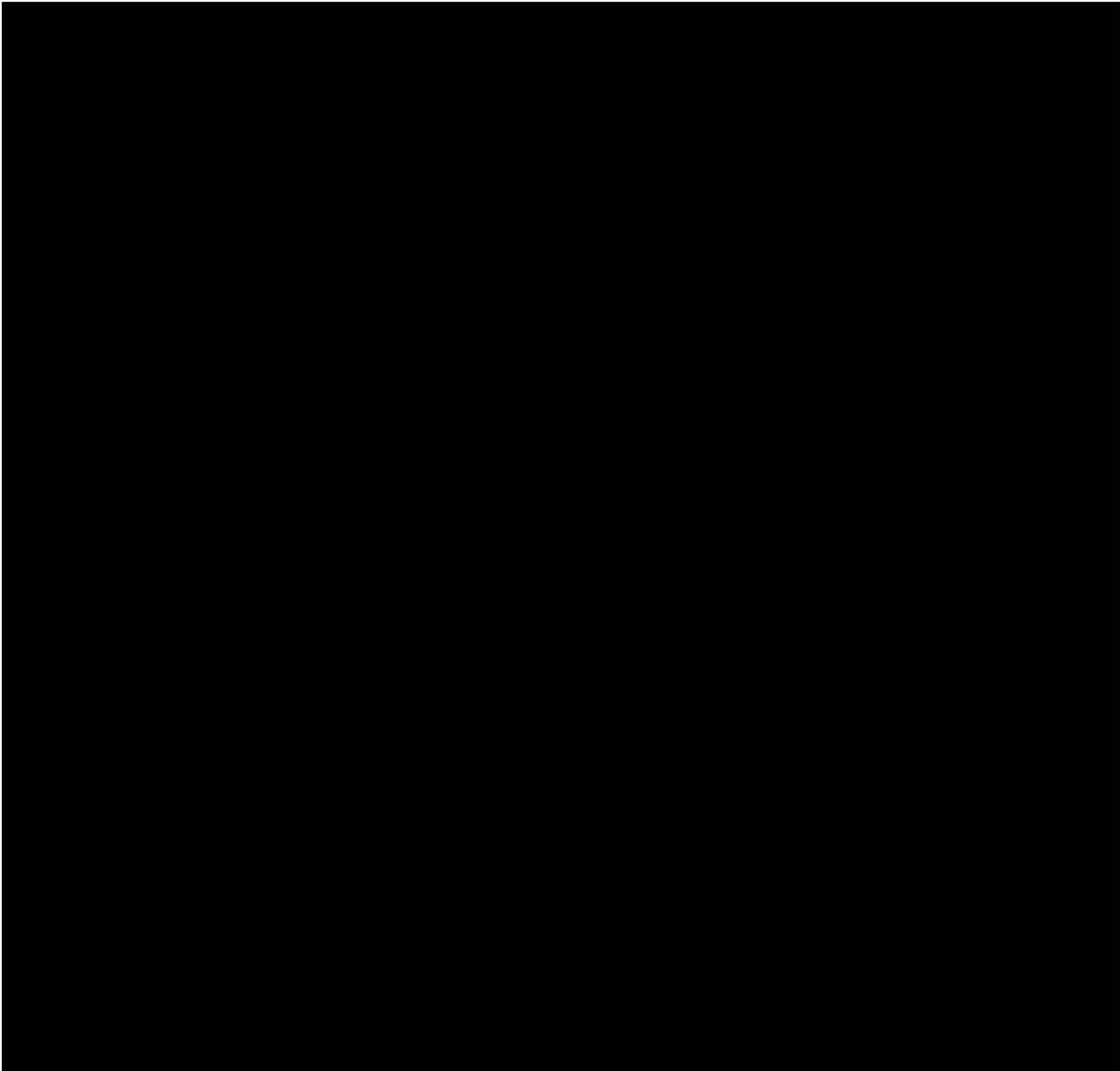


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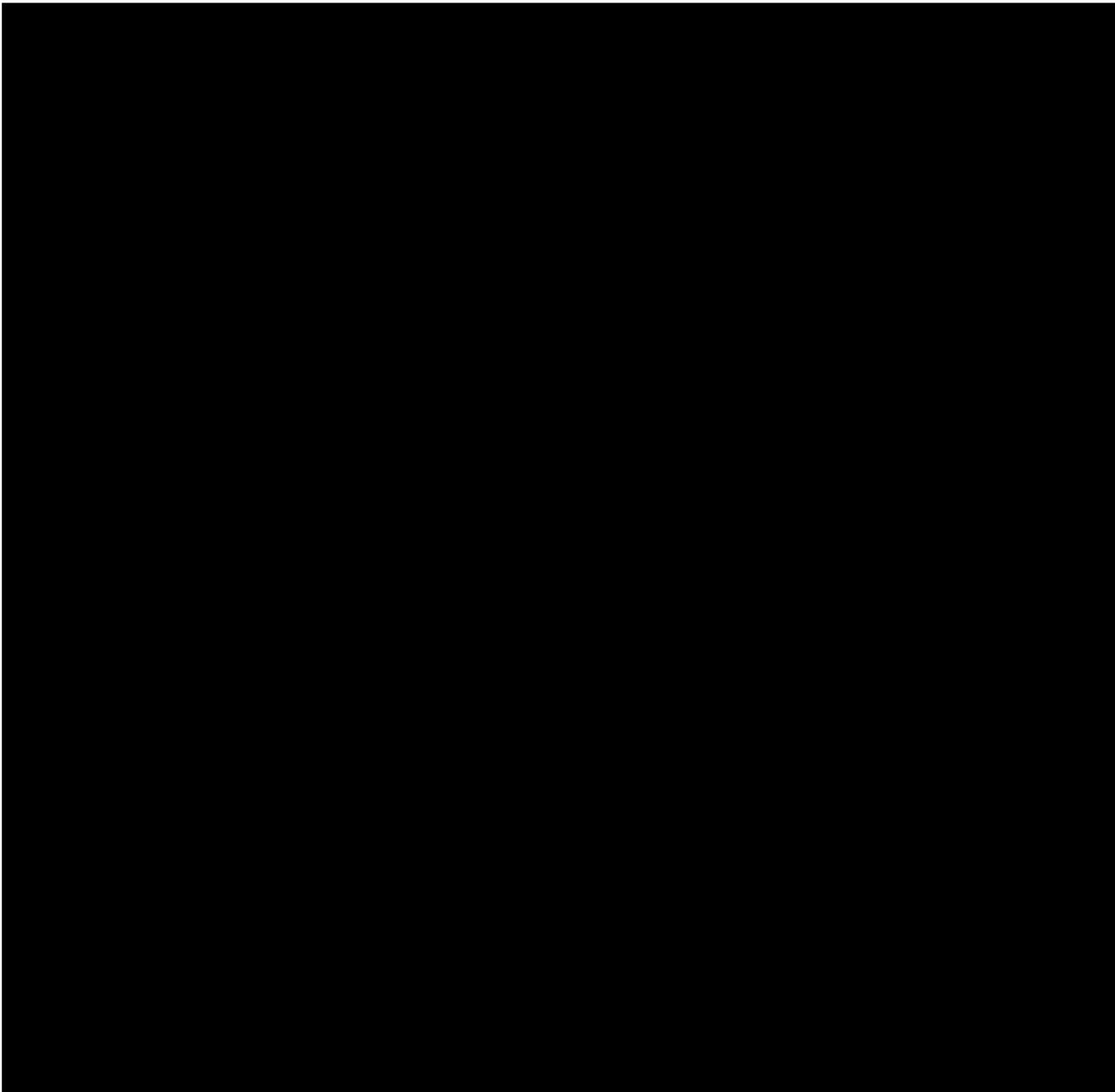
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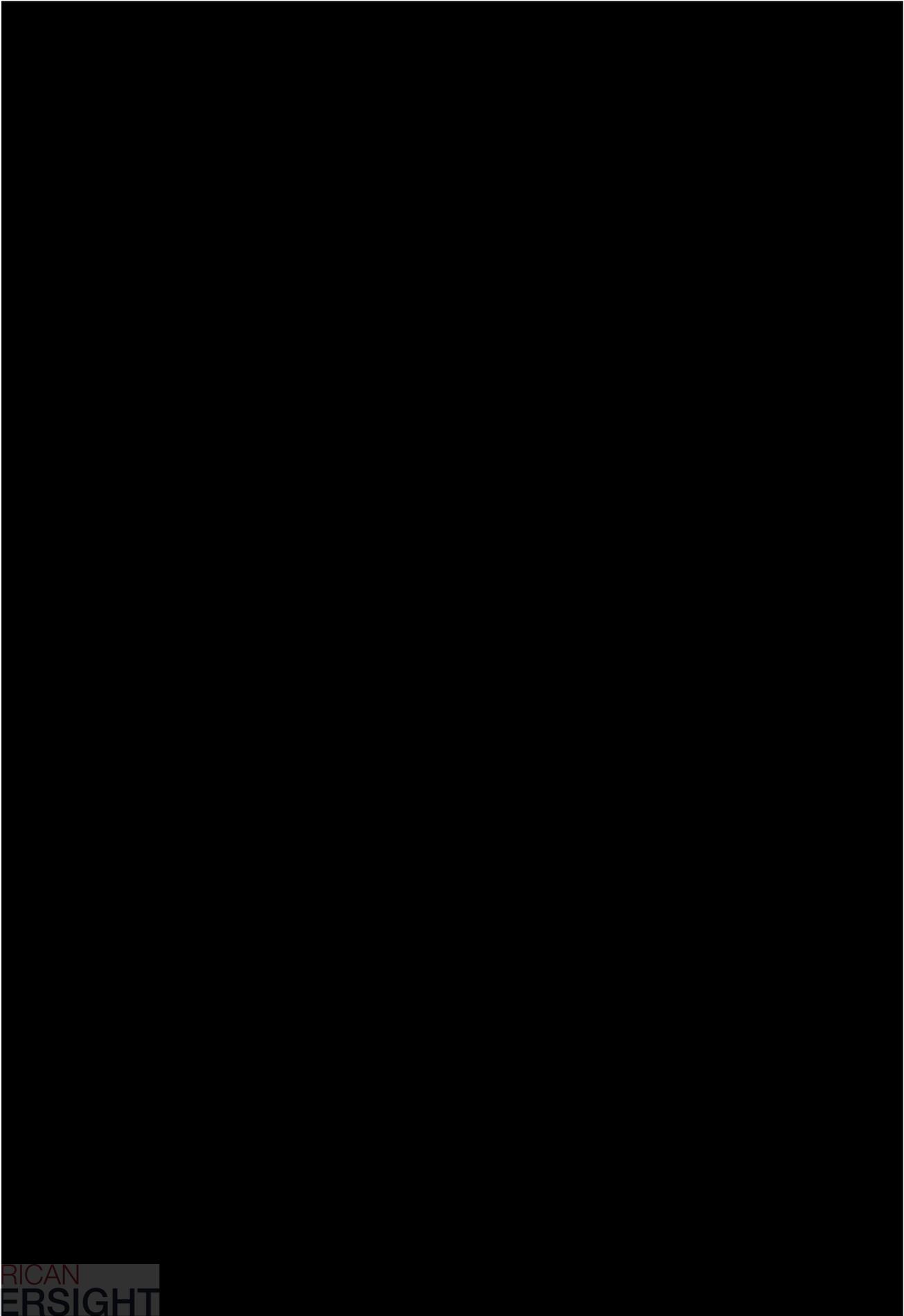


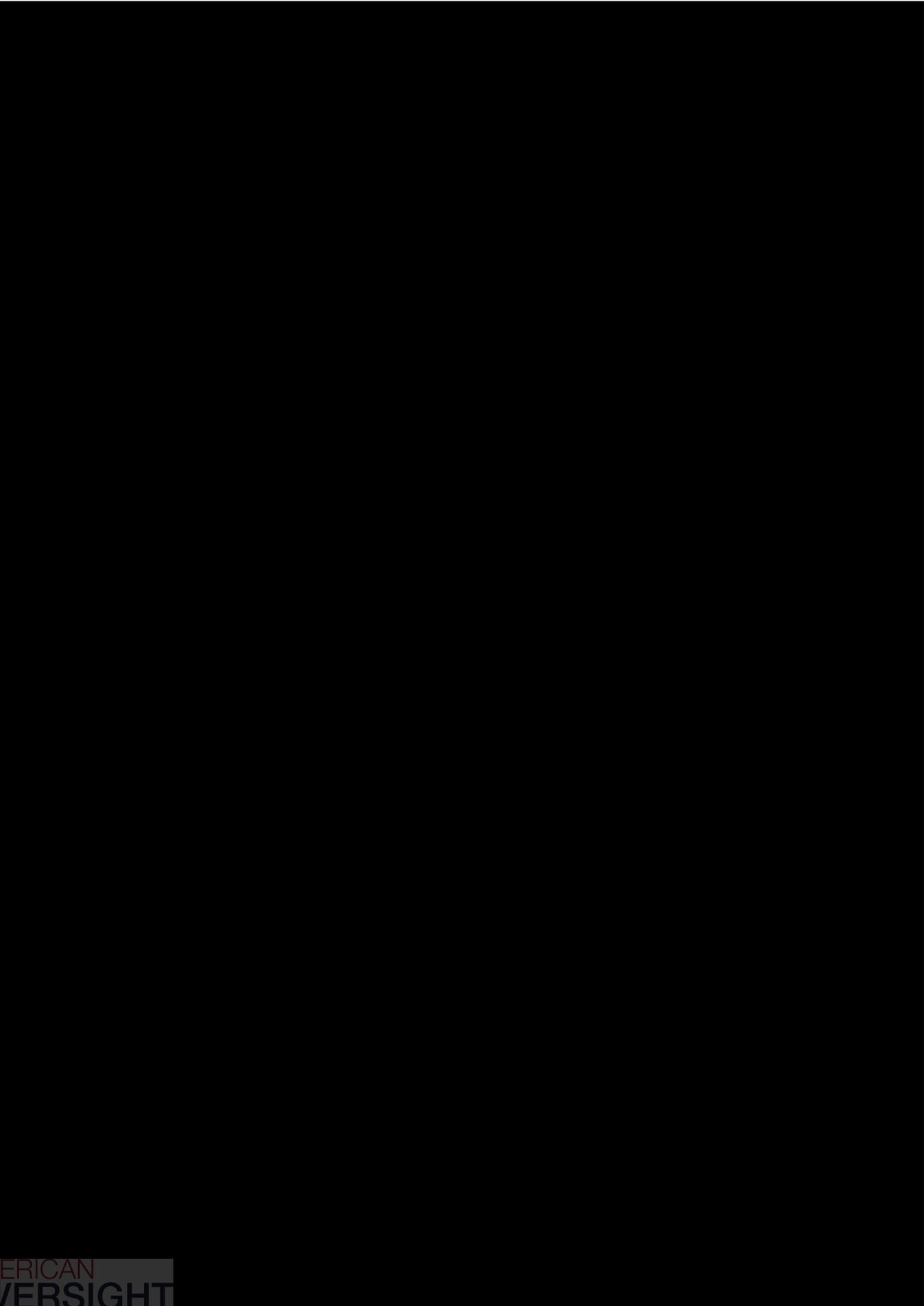
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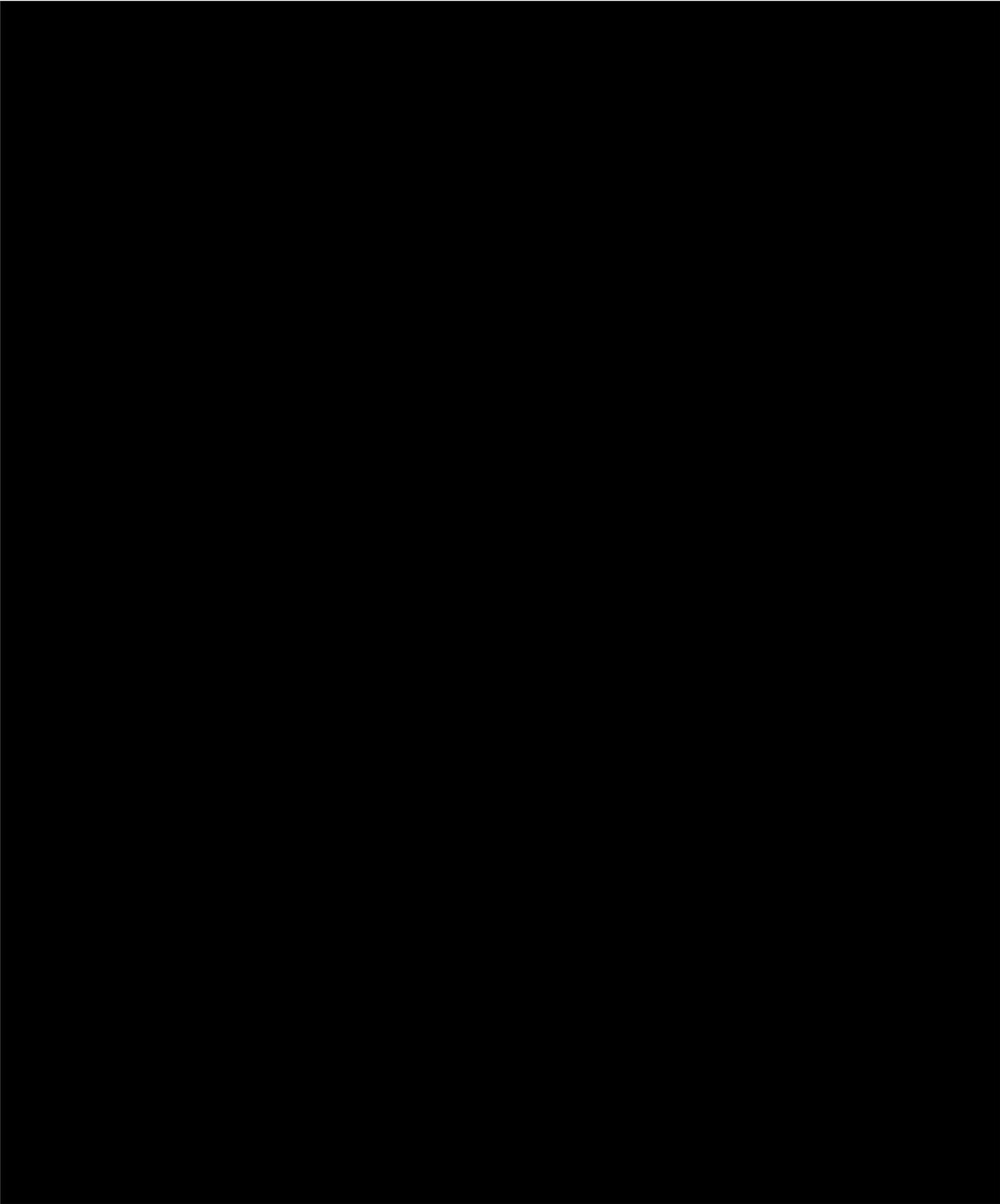
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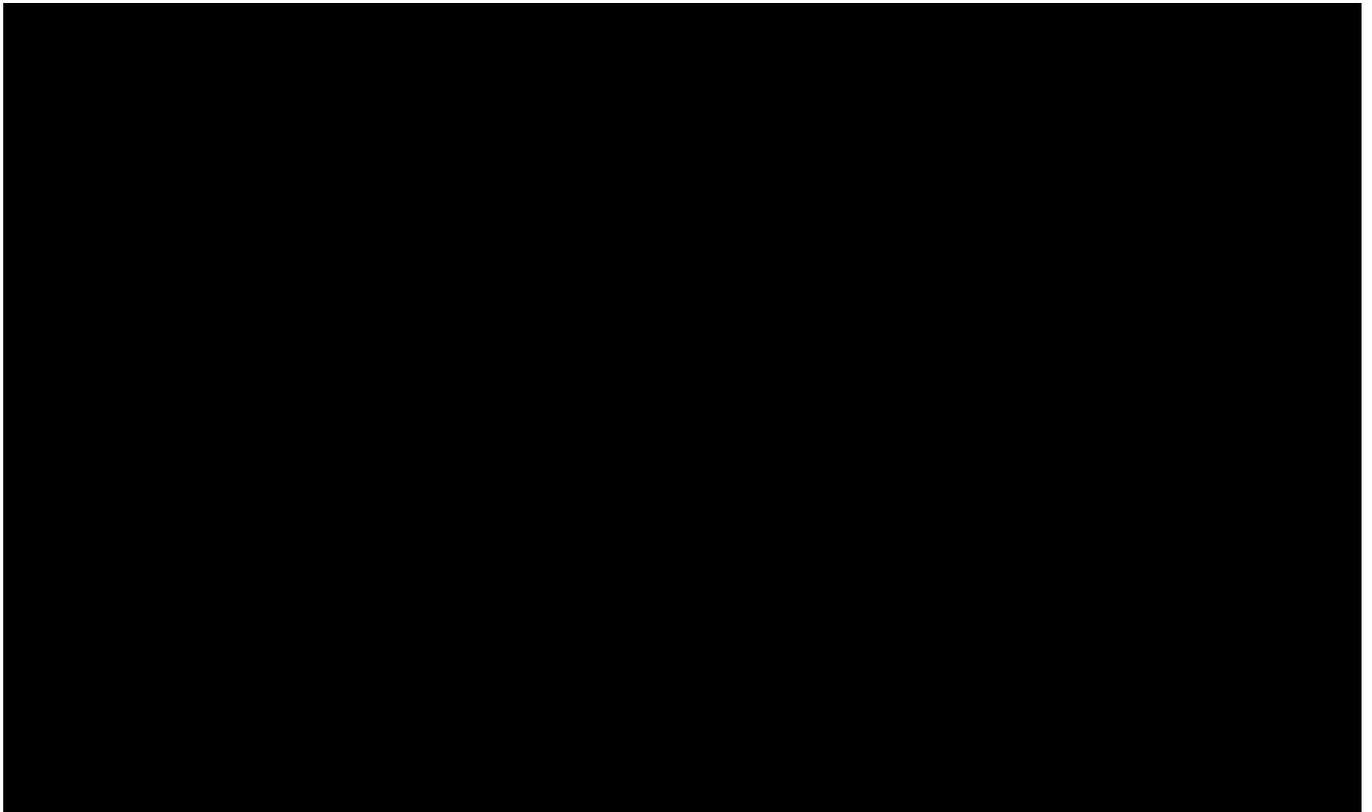


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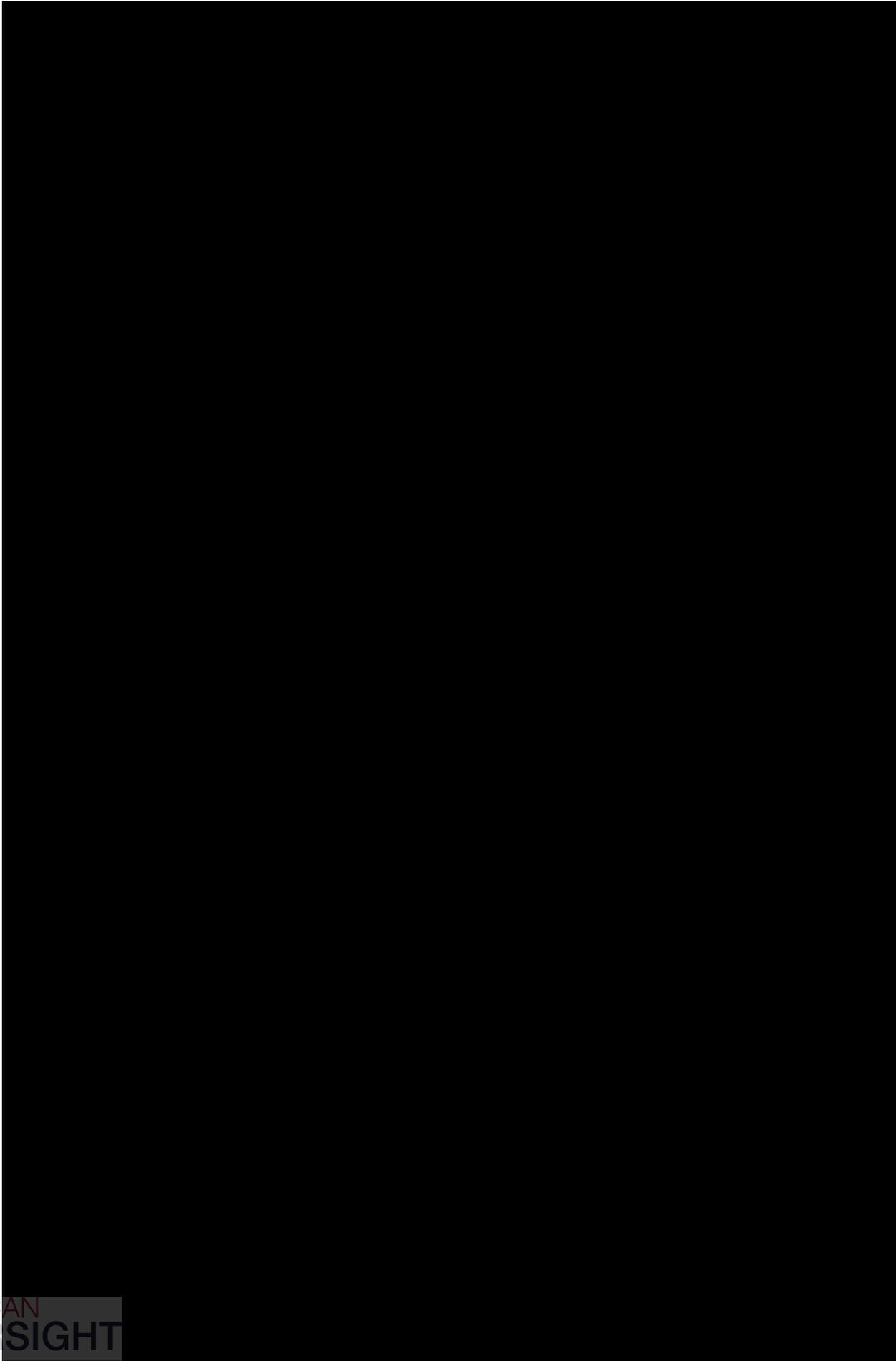


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Subject: Amicus on Sign On Tracker Update Week Nov. 13-17

Hello everyone and hope you had a wonderful week. As a reminder, this is my final email of the update tracker. I have left a short PowerPoint presentation for whomever will take over. Thank you and God bless.

Decisions:

Yes

Category	Date	Case Title/ Nickname	Description	Lead State	Status	Court/Agency	Notes/ Legal Strategy	Assigned Atty.
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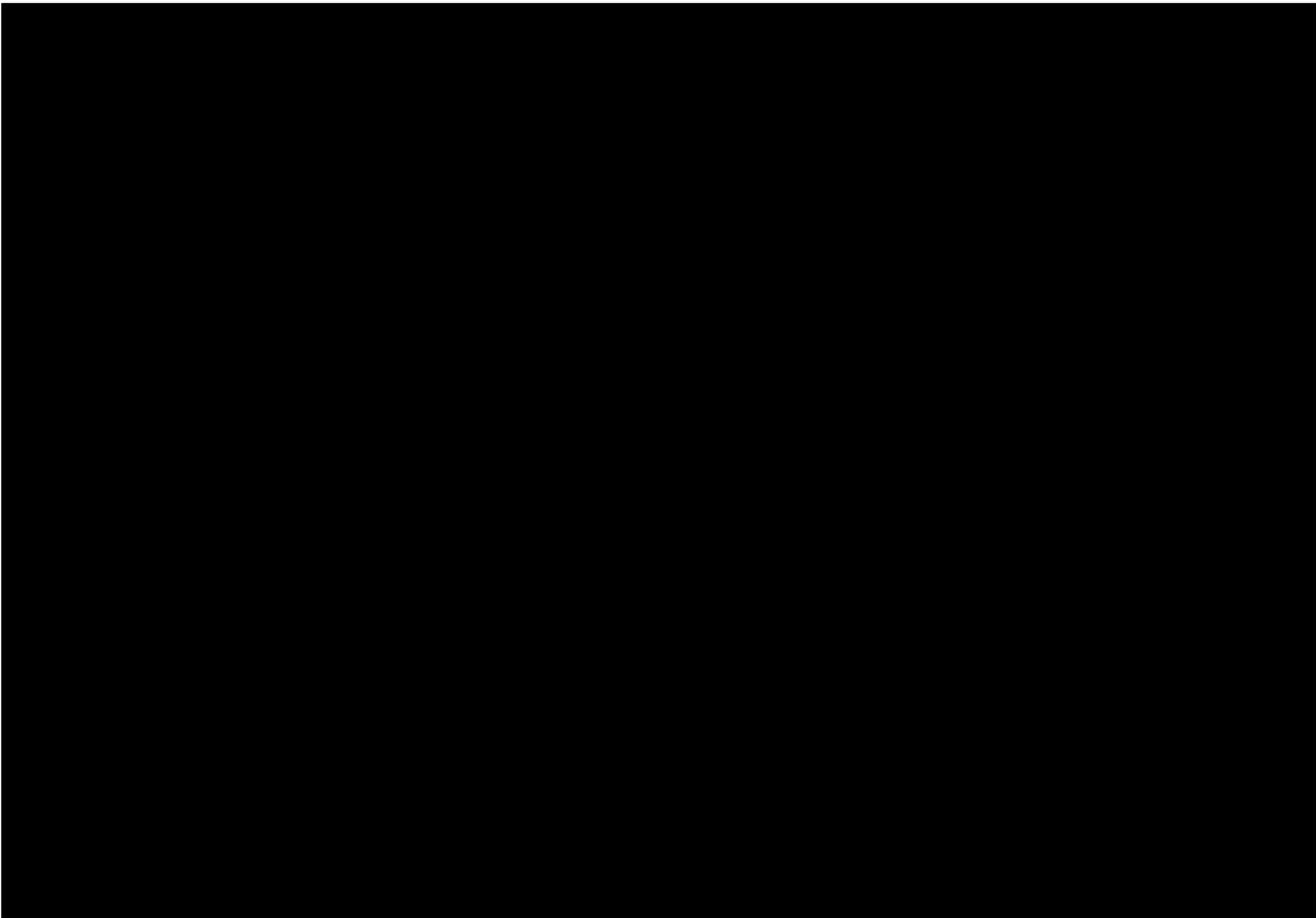
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Subject: Texas v. Loe
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Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 3:19:55 PM
Attachments: [2024-02-29 Multistate Amicus iso Texas.pdf](#)

FYI, the as filed cc of another brief supporting legislation banning gender transition procedures on minors.

Emory



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Subject: RE: Recommendation for Grant Majors
Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 9:06:51 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

DeLinda -

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Best,
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