## Nos. 17-1717 and 18-18

## In the Supreme Court of the United States

THE AMERICAN LEGION, ET AL., PETITIONERS

v.

AMERICAN HUMANIST ASSOCIATION, ET AL.

MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION, PETITIONER

v.

AMERICAN HUMANIST ASSOCIATION, ET AL.

On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

UNOPPOSED APPLICATION OF RESPONDENTS FOR LEAVE TO FILE A CONSOLIDATED BRIEF ON THE MERITS IN EXCESS OF THE WORD LIMIT

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Respondents respectfully request leave to file a single consolidated brief on the merits in excess of the word limit for a single brief set forth in Supreme Court Rule 33(d), not to exceed 22,500 words. Petitioners have consented to this request.

1. On November 2, 2018, the Court entered an order consolidating Docket Nos. 17-1717 and 18-18.

2. Petitioner The American Legion, et al. (as Intervenors) and Petitioner Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (as Defendant), filed separate briefs on the merits with a combined total word limit of 30,000 words.

3. Rather than file two separate response briefs on the merits, Respondents believe it will be more efficient and beneficial to the Court and parties to file a single consolidated response brief on the merits.

4. Respondents respectfully request permission to file a consolidated brief in excess of the 15,000-word limit by 7,500 words, not to exceed 22,500 words total.

5. Counsel for both Petitioners have assented to the relief sought herein.

6. This request is sought in the interest of justice, not for delay, and no party will be prejudiced if the requested word extension is granted.

The application for leave to file a consolidated response brief on the merits of 22,500 words should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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