

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

CHEVRON CORP., ET AL., PETITIONERS

v.

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, ET AL., RESPONDENTS

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

**BRIEF OF RESPONDENTS
IN OPPOSITION**

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QUESTION PRESENTED

Whether 28 U.S.C. 1447(d) entitles a defendant, by including a meritless federal-officer or civil-rights ground for federal jurisdiction in a removal petition, to appellate review of every ground for removal rejected by the district court's remand order.

ARGUMENT

Petitioners argue that this case presents the same question as *BP p.l.c. v. Mayor and City Council of Baltimore*, No. 19-1189. Respondents agree that the same question is presented. Accordingly, respondents do not object to the relief requested in the Petition: that the Petition should be held pending the decision in *Baltimore*.

If, for any reason, the Court does not dispose of the issue presented in *Baltimore*, respondents assert that certiorari is not warranted in this case and will file a supplemental Brief in Opposition at that time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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