

IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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STATES OF OHIO, CONNECTICUT, IDAHO, ILLINOIS, IOWA,  
MARYLAND, MICHIGAN, MONTANA, RHODE ISLAND, UTAH,  
AND VERMONT,

*Petitioners,*

*v.*

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY, AND AMERICAN EXPRESS  
TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES COMPANY, INC.,

*Respondents.*

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**On Writ of Certiorari to the  
United States Court of Appeals  
for the Second Circuit**

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**BRIEF OF 20 MERCHANTS AS AMICI CURIAE  
IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS**

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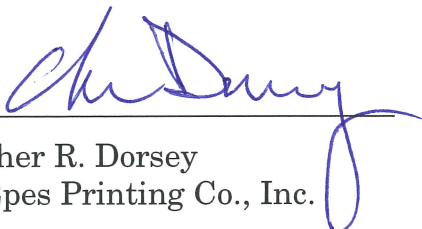
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