IN THE

Supreme Court of the United States

THE DUTRA GROUP,

Petitioner,

v.

CHRISTOPHER BATTERTON,

Respondent.

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

CONSENT MOTION FOR LEAVE TO DISPENSE WITH JOINT APPENDIX

Under Rule 26.8, petitioner The Dutra Group respectfully moves for leave to dispense with a joint appendix in this case.

The question presented here is a pure question of law: whether punitive damages may be awarded to a Jones Act seaman in a personal injury suit alleging a breach of the general maritime duty to provide a seaworthy vessel. The appendix to the petition for a writ of certiorari reproduces the relevant opinions and orders of the court of appeals and district court. In petitioner's view, no other portion of the record merits special attention that would warrant the preparation and expense of a joint appendix, and a joint appendix would not materially assist the Court's consideration of this case.

Counsel for respondent Christopher Batterton has advised that respondent consents to this motion.

Respectfully submitted.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Seth P. Waxman, a member of the bar of this Court, hereby certify that, on this 28th day of December, 2018, all parties required to be served have been served copies of the foregoing motion by electronic mail and overnight courier to the address below.

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