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

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THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX  
CHURCH OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA, ET. AL.,

*Petitioners,*

v.

ALEXANDER BELYA,

*Respondent.*

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

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**BRIEF OF FEDERAL COURTS PROFESSOR  
DEREK T. MULLER AS AMICUS CURIAE IN  
SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS**

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