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

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THE OPERATING ENGINEERS TRUST FUND  
OF WASHINGTON, D.C., ET AL,

*Petitioners,*

v.

UNITED STATES,

*Respondent.*

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On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the  
United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

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**REPLY BRIEF FOR THE PETITIONERS**

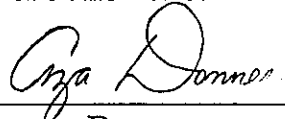
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of June 2026.



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My commission expires April 30, 2029.

