

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

CUTBERTO VIRAMONTES, *et al.*,
Petitioners,
v.

COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, *et al.*,
Respondents.

EDDIE GRANT, JR., *et al.*,
Petitioners,
v.

RONNELL HIGGINS, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, *et al.*,
Respondents.

On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Courts
of Appeals for the Seventh and Second Circuits

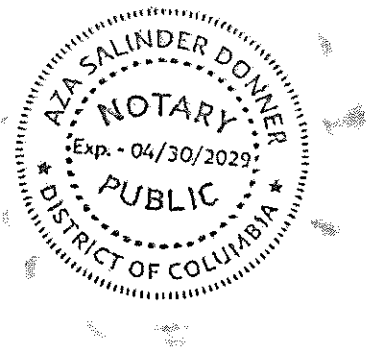
**BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE PROFESSOR JOSEPH
BLOCHER IN SUPPORT OF RESPONDENTS**

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