

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

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

*Petitioner,*

v.

R.W.,

*Respondent.*

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**On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the  
District of Columbia Court of Appeals**

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**REPLY BRIEF FOR THE PETITIONER**


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