

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

FRANCIS NIELSEN,
Petitioner,
v.

KEKAI WATANABE,
Respondent.

On Writ of Certiorari to the
United States Court of Appeals
for the Ninth Circuit

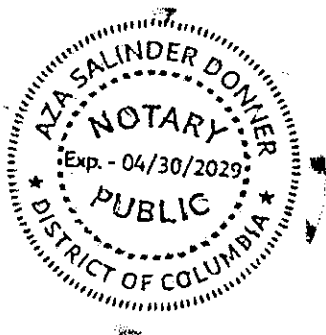
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MACARTHUR JUSTICE CENTER AND
PRISON POLICY INITIATIVE AS AMICI
CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF RESPONDENT**

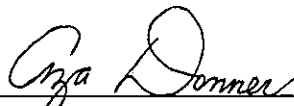
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