

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

TAUNO WAIDLA,
Petitioner,

v.

CHRISTOPHER PIERCE, WARDEN,
Respondent.

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

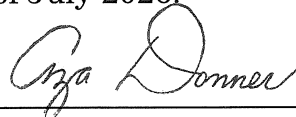
**BRIEF OF RETIRED UNITED STATES CIRCUIT
JUDGES AS AMICI CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF
PETITIONER**

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

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