

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

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UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS,  
*Petitioner,*

v.

DAVID O'CONNELL,  
*Respondent.*

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

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**BRIEF OF PROFESSOR LAEL WEINBERGER AS  
AMICUS CURIAE SUPPORTING PETITIONER**

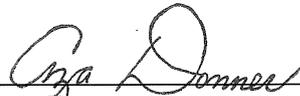
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