

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

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UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS,

*Petitioner*

*v.*

DAVID O'CONNELL

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

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**BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE  
PROTECT THE FIRST FOUNDATION  
IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONER**

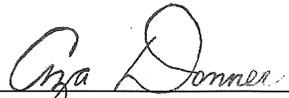
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of March 2026.



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NOTARY PUBLIC  
District of Columbia

My commission expires April 30, 2029.

