

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 FOR *AMICUS CURIAE* JOHN H. GARVEY**

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District of Columbia

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