

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS,
Petitioner,

v.

DAVID O'CONNELL,
Respondent.

*ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT*

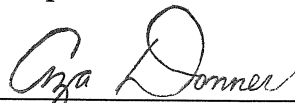
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