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The Honorable John Roberts
The Supreme Court
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Dear Chief Justice Roberts:

We are writing in reference to this week's decision by the Court to hear oral arguments regarding challenges to the health care law. We respectfully request that the Court permit C-SPAN to televise this important oral argument which we would distribute on a live basis to all others in the media who are interested in carrying it.

The Court's decision to schedule at least five-and-a half hours of argument indicates the significance of this case. We ask that the Court further reflect this particular case's significance by supplementing your "end of week audiocast" policy with live TV coverage.

We believe the public interest is best served by live television coverage of this particular oral argument. It is a case which will affect every American's life, our economy, and will certainly be an issue in the upcoming presidential campaign. Additionally, a five-and-a half hour argument begs for camera coverage -- interested citizens would be understandably challenged to adequately follow audio-only coverage of an event of this length with all the justices and various counsel participating.

For these reasons we ask you and your colleagues to set aside any misgivings you have about television in the Courtroom *in general* and permit cameras to televise live *this particular* argument.

Appreciating that among the hesitations might be the affect of a television production on your proceedings, we commit to working with the Court to ensure to your satisfaction that our video equipment is unobtrusive and respectful of the process.

Sincerely,

Brian P. Lamb

cc:

Associate Justice Antonin Scalia
Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy
Associate Justice Clarence Thomas
Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Associate Justice Stephen Breyer
Associate Justice Samuel Alito
Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor
Associate Justice Elena Kagan