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BY HAND

The Honorable John Roberts
Chief Justice of the United States
United States Supreme Court
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Request for Live Audio Coverage of the Court's Argument on the President's Executive Order on Immigration*

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

The undersigned news media organizations respectfully request that the Court permit live audio access to the public hearing it has scheduled October 10th to hear arguments on two cases related to the President's executive order on immigration.

So far, the news media have been able to satisfy the extraordinarily high public interest in these cases because the lower courts have allowed us live access to their hearings at every step. The 9th Circuit, as it often does, allowed live coverage of the two arguments it heard on the issue. The first was a telephone hearing that we were allowed to cover with live audio. Its second hearing was given standard televised coverage from the courtroom. The 4th Circuit, which usually offers only delayed audio coverage of its hearings, responded positively to our request to permit live audio coverage of its hearing on the immigration order.

We urge the Court to continue giving the press and public live access to the legal resolution of these cases. We ask the Court to depart from its usual practice of posting audio recordings of arguments at the end of each argument week, or even from, as it has in the past, posting the recordings on a same-day delayed basis. The public

interest in the president's executive order is at a very high level and merits, in our view, live coverage.

We are also ready to assist the Public Information Office in arranging live audio coverage.

Respectfully,



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