

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

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PATRICK D. THOMPSON, PETITIONER,

v.

UNITED STATES

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*ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT*

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**BRIEF OF PROFESSOR JOEL S. JOHNSON  
AS AMICUS CURIAE SUPPORTING PETITIONER**

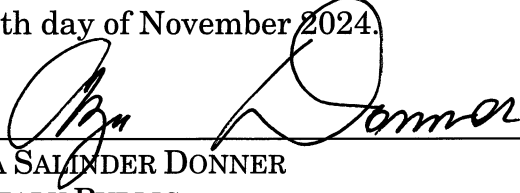
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