



The Honorable Robert Katzmann
Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, New York 10007
Delivered via e-mail

October 10, 2019

Dear Chief Judge Katzmann:

We, the undersigned, are the executive director of the Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press and the executive director of Fix the Court. The Reporters Committee is a national non-profit whose attorneys provide free legal services for journalists and has long sought greater transparency at the courts for the benefit of the public. Fix the Court is also a national non-profit that advocates for greater access to federal courts.

We write today to urge the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit to provide live audio of oral arguments in 19-3204, *Donald J. Trump, et al., v. Cyrus R. Vance., et al.*, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on October 23.

The case is of great public interest for Americans from coast to coast and at all points on the political spectrum. It concerns issues of executive authority and campaign finance law and policy that have implications beyond the facts of this case and transcend partisan politics.

For the vast majority of the country, attending the arguments would be entirely impractical. Therefore, we submit that providing a live audio feed of the argument – as the Court did for 19-1540, *Donald J. Trump, et al., v. Committee on Financial Services, et al.* – will serve to meet the significant public interest in this case.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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Bruce D. Brown
Executive Director
Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press

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