



The Honorable Roger L. Gregory
Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
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Dear Chief Judge Gregory:

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 United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit to provide live audio of oral arguments in 18-2486, *In re: Donald Trump*, and 18-2488, *District of Columbia v. Donald Trump*, which are scheduled for argument on December 12, 2019.

The case is of great public interest for Americans from coast to coast and at all points on the political spectrum. It concerns the foreign emoluments clause of the U.S. Constitution and has broad national implications.

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 arguments 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
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