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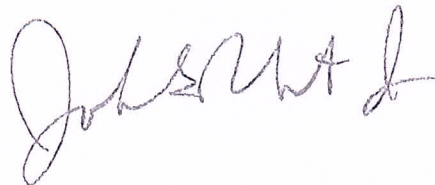
Dear Mr. Lamb:

I am writing in response to your letter requesting the Court to expand public access to the oral arguments in cases challenging the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Because of the expressions by you and others about the extraordinary public interest in these cases, the Court will depart from its usual practice and provide the audio recordings and transcripts of the oral arguments on an expedited basis through the Court's Website.

The Court will post the audio recordings and unofficial transcripts as soon as the digital files are available for uploading to the Website. We anticipate that both the audio recordings and the transcripts of the March 26-28 morning sessions should be available no later than 2:00 p.m. each afternoon. The recording and transcript of the March 28 afternoon session should be available no later than 4:00 p.m. that day.

The Court currently posts audio recordings of all oral arguments on its Website at the end of each argument week. On past occasions when the Court has expedited the release of audio recordings, it has done so for broadcasters only. The use of expedited Web posting in these cases will provide anyone interested in the proceedings with direct access to the recordings and transcripts. Users will be able to employ links on the homepage of the Website to listen to the recordings or read the transcripts at their convenience. The homepage currently provides links to the orders, briefs, and other information about the cases. The Court's Website address is www.supremecourt.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Roberts", is written below the word "Sincerely,".