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

Dear Chief Justice Roberts:

I am writing to request that beginning with the 2006 term, the Court permit simultaneous release of the audio of all oral arguments to the media.

Since *Bush v. Gore* in 2000, the Court has approved same-day distribution in eleven cases, using the *heightened public interest* standard set by Chief Justice Rehnquist. We believe this six year experiment with same-day releases has not only enhanced public understanding of the issues associated with these cases but has also helped interested Americans better understand the workings of the Court and its important role in American society.

At the same time, the Court has had six years to observe the responsible broadcast coverage engendered by same-day media distribution. In our case, C-SPAN aired all eleven arguments in their entirety shortly after their release on television, radio, and the internet. If the Court agrees to release all oral arguments, C-SPAN will continue to make the entirety of each argument available to its audience.

We hope you will agree with our reasoning that responsible coverage of the Court by the broadcast media, plus continuing public education about the Court make the case that the time has come to make simultaneous audio releases the norm.

Thank you, Chief Justice Roberts, for your consideration. I am available to answer any questions you may have regarding our request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brian P. Lamb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B".

Brian P. Lamb  
Chairman and CEO

cc: Kathleen Arberg