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November 9, 2005

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

Dear Chief Justice Roberts:

C-SPAN would like to request early release of the audio in two upcoming Supreme Court cases, *Ayotte v. Planned Parenthood of Northern New England* on Wednesday, November 30 & *Rumsfeld v. Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights* on Tuesday, December 6. We're requesting that the audio of these two arguments be released immediately following the submission of the cases to the Court.

Chief Justice Rehnquist granted C-SPAN's request 9 times since 2000 for cases which he believed there was a heightened public interest. With the continuing national debate on abortion the issue being decided in the *Ayotte v. Planned Parenthood of Northern New England* is clearly one of heightened public interest. In *Rumsfeld v. Forum for Academic & Institutional Rights*, the Court is being asked to decide the constitutionality of the Solomon Act. With our fellow citizens involved in combat overseas, the issue of military recruitment is also one in which there is a strong public interest. C-SPAN has covered the Solomon Act as it was debated in the Legislative and Executive Branches and now that the Judicial Branch is set to address its legality we hope you will allow the public to continue hearing how the United States government is dealing with this issue.

We appreciate your consideration of our request. Our Supreme Court producer, Tanya Chattman, will follow up with Kathy Arberg in the Court's Public Information Office to learn of your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Terry Murphy

cc: Kathy Arberg