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Supreme Court of the United States

MARVIN WASHINGTON, DB, AS PARENT OF INFANT
AB, JOSE BELEN, SC, AS PARENT OF INFANT JC,
AND CANNABIS CULTURAL ASSOCIATION INC.,

Petitioners,

v.

WILLIAM PELHAM BARR, IN HIS OFFICIAL
CAPACITY AS UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE, TIMOTHY J. SHEA, IN HIS OFFICIAL
CAPACITY AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DRUG
ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, UNITED
STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION,
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondents.

**ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT**

**BRIEF OF MINORITY CANNABIS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
AND MINORITIES FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA, INC. AS
AMICI CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS**

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INTERESTS OF THE *AMICI CURIAE*¹

The Minority Cannabis Business Association (“MCBA”) is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization created to serve the needs of minority cannabis entrepreneurs, workers, patients, and consumers alike. Its mission is to create equal access and promote economic empowerment for communities of color through policy considerations and outreach initiatives aimed at achieving equity for those most affected by the “War on Drugs.”

Minorities for Medical Marijuana, Inc. (“MFMM”) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on advocacy and education in support of minorities who have a vested interest in cannabis public policy, business, healthcare access, and social impact. MFMM envisions a forward thinking and progressive approach to social justice and equality in cannabis.

Together, *amici* are committed to dismantling systemic discrimination in the cannabis industry. As part of those efforts, they share an interest in addressing the discriminatory intent underlying the classification of cannabis as a Schedule I drug under the Controlled Substances Act as well as inherent bias within the Drug Enforcement Agency’s (“DEA’s”) administrative review process. Accordingly, *amici* respectfully submit this brief in support of certiorari and urge the Court to grant the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari.

1. MCBA and MFMM state that no counsel for a party to this case authored this brief in whole or in part; and no counsel or party, other than *amici* and its counsel, made a monetary contribution intended to fund the preparation and submission of this brief. All parties have received timely notice of *amici*’s intent to file and have consented to the filing of this brief.

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