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Re: Windsor v. United States, Civil Action No. 10-8435 (BSJ)(JCF)

Dear Judge Jones:

I represent defendant the United States of America in this tax refund case challenging the constitutionality of Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act ("DOMA"), 1 U.S.C. § 7. The Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group ("BLAG") of the United States House of Representatives has filed a motion to intervene pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 530D(b)(2). Although the United States does not oppose BLAG's intervention for purposes of presenting arguments in support of the constitutionality of Section 3 of DOMA, it intends to file a response to explain its position. Accordingly, the United States respectfully requests that this Court not rule on the motion until it has had an opportunity to review the United States' response.

Respectfully,

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