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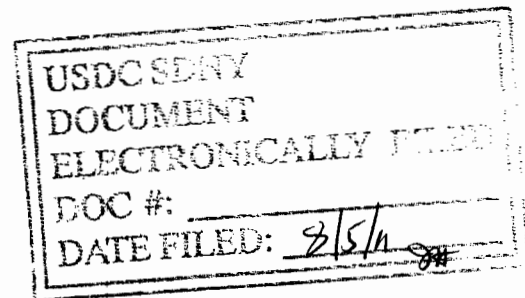
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**BY FACSIMILE**

Honorable Barbara S. Jones  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
for the Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
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The Honorable James C. Francis  
United States Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court  
for the Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

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

Dear Judge Jones and Judge Francis:

I write on behalf of defendant, the United States of America, to request permission to exceed the page limitation for United States' brief due on August 19, 2011 in this case.

Pursuant to this Court's Revised Scheduling Order, dated May 11, 2011, the United States will be filing a response to plaintiff's motion for summary judgment and to the motion to dismiss filed by defendant-intervenor, the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group of the U.S. House of Representatives. Judge Jones' rules require that memoranda of law should not exceed 25 pages. *See* Individual Rule of Practice 2B. This Court, however, has granted both plaintiff and defendant-intervenor permission to exceed the page limitation. The United States similarly will require additional pages to adequately address the significant constitutional issues raised in this case. Accordingly, the United States respectfully request that it be permitted to file a brief of up to 35 pages, although it will make its best efforts to limit the brief to 30 pages.

*Application granted.  
So ordered.*

*U.S.D.J. 8/5/11*

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Respectfully,



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