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**In the Supreme Court of the United States**

BRIAN LEWIS, ET AL.,

*Petitioners,*

*v.*

WILLIAM CLARKE,

*Respondent.*

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TO THE SUPREME COURT OF CONNECTICUT

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**BRIEF AMICI CURIAE OF THE STATE OF  
ARIZONA AND THE STATE OF OREGON IN  
SUPPORT OF RESPONDENT**

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### **QUESTION PRESENTED**

Whether the sovereign immunity of an Indian tribe bars individual-capacity damages actions against tribal employees for torts committed within the scope of their employment.

**JOINDER OF NATIONAL CONGRESS OF  
AMERICAN INDIANS, *et al* AMICI BRIEF**

The States of Arizona and Oregon join in full and adopt the amici curiae brief submitted today in support of Respondent by the National Congress of American Indians, the States of Texas, New Mexico and Colorado, and the Navajo Nation, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Fort Belknap Indian Community, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (the “Government Perspectives Brief”).<sup>1</sup>

Like the States of Texas, New Mexico Colorado, which earlier signed on to the Government Perspectives Brief, Arizona and Oregon routinely interact on a government-to-government basis with tribes resident in those states and also with tribes outside their borders and respectfully submit this brief for the reasons provided by those states in their Statement of the Interests of Amici Curiae. The States of Arizona and Oregon join as “Amici States,” as that term is defined in the Government Perspectives Brief at page 3.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to this Court’s Rule 37.6, counsel for *amici curiae* certify that no person or entity other than *amici curiae* and their counsel authored this brief in whole or in part. The Amici States file as of right under Rule 37(4).

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