

ORAL ARGUMENT NOT SCHEDULED

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT**

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UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS,))	
et al.,))	
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Petitioners,))	
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v.))	No. 19-1230, and
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NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC))	
SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, et al.,))	
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Respondents.))	
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**PETITIONERS’ SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO ORDER
REQUESTING PROPOSED BRIEFING FORMATS**

On February 4, 2020, this Court ordered all parties to submit proposed formats and schedules for briefing all issues in these consolidated petitions. ECF No. 1826992. On March 5, 2020, the parties jointly submitted a proposed format and schedule. ECF No. 1832077. The Court has not entered a briefing format or schedule to date.

In recent weeks, the COVID-19 pandemic has had an exceptionally adverse effect on petitioners and their counsel that they could not reasonably have anticipated when the parties submitted their joint proposal. The effects of the pandemic continue to be felt nationwide, and at this time it is hard to assess how long these extraordinary

conditions will persist. It is now clear to petitioners, however, that the proposed May 22, 2020, deadline for their principal briefs is no longer workable in light of significant constraints on petitioners' counsel, including illnesses and childcare responsibilities, as well as extraordinary demands on state and local government petitioners themselves. Petitioners are apprising the Court of this change before a scheduling order is entered.

Petitioners have conferred with the other parties, and, while the parties did not reach an agreement about how much additional time might be warranted by the extraordinary circumstances confronting the nation and the world now, petitioners and respondents have agreed to a modified schedule that delays the onset of briefing by 21 days as compared to the original joint proposal and shifts all other deadlines accordingly. Petitioners and respondents agree that this requested amendment is without prejudice as to future requests for modification of the briefing schedule, and petitioners reserve their right to seek such modifications as the circumstances warrant.

The following intervenors do not oppose entry of this modified schedule: Ohio, Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, West Virginia; and the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers. The following intervenors take no position on the modified schedule: Coalition for Sustainable Automotive Regulation and Automotive Regulatory Council.

The amended proposed briefing schedule appears on the following page with the proposed number of briefs and word allocations, which are unchanged from the original joint proposal.

Brief or Filing	Date Due	Words
Petitioners	Friday, June 12	35,000 total, shared between up to 4 briefs
Amici curiae supporting petitioners and amici curiae supporting neither party, if any	Friday, June 19	
Respondents	Wednesday, August 26	35,000 total
Amici curiae supporting respondents, if any	Wednesday, Sept. 2	
Intervenors supporting Respondents	Tuesday, Sept. 8	24,500 total, shared between up to 3 briefs
Petitioners (reply)	Tuesday, Sept. 29	17,500 total, shared between up to 4 briefs
Deferred Appendix	Tuesday, Oct. 6	
Final briefs	Tuesday, Oct. 13	

For these reasons and those stated in the parties' joint submission, petitioners respectfully request that the Court adopt this proposed briefing format and schedule.

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I filed the foregoing document with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on April 3, 2020, using the CM/ECF system. All parties are represented by counsel that are CM/ECF users and will be served by the CM/ECF system.

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