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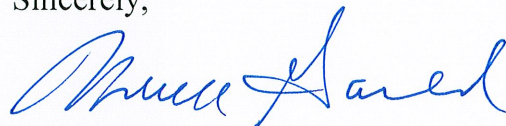
Michelle Olsen  
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Dear Ms. Olsen:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 21 regarding access to audio of the Court's oral arguments. The Court agrees with your suggestion that it "would be a meaningful step forward for public information, if the D.C. Circuit would review its current policy" and decide to "offer[] free access to argument audio online." In fact, as chance would have it, on May 14 the Court did review its policy and voted unanimously to make audio recordings of oral arguments available online, free of charge, beginning on September 9, the start of our 2013-2014 Term. The audio recordings will be available on our website ([www.cadc.uscourts.gov](http://www.cadc.uscourts.gov)) by 3:00 p.m. on the same day as the oral argument. An archive of audio recordings going back to the 2007-2008 Term will also be available. A press release announcing the new policy will be issued later today.

Thank you again for your suggestion -- and to Howard Bashman, who called it to our attention even before we received your letter.

Sincerely,



Merrick B. Garland  
Chief Judge

cc: Howard Bashman