

Pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 17.02, Relator The Cincinnati Enquirer respectfully requests that the Court hear oral argument on the merits of its Complaint for Writ of Mandamus.

In determining whether to hear oral argument in an original action, the Court considers “whether the case involves a matter of great public importance, complex issues of law or fact, a substantial constitutional issue, or a conflict among courts of appeals.” *State ex rel. City of Lorain v. Stewart*, 119 Ohio St.3d 222, 224, 2008-Ohio-4062, 893 N.E.2d 184, ¶ 17. This action involves a matter of great public importance in that it involves the scope of the public’s access to law enforcement video recordings, and specifically, recordings made by cameras mounted on the dashboard of a police cruiser.

The public has a significant interest in its government’s activities, and R.C. 149.43 protects that right. With the ever-increasing use of video recording devices by law enforcement agencies in the state to record routine policing, the Court’s resolution of this case will have a significant impact the scope of the public’s access to similar government video records in the future. Thus, the Court’s decision in this case could reverberate for years to come.

Relator therefore respectfully requests that the Court hear oral argument in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing *Relator's Request for Oral Argument* was served upon all counsel of record via Regular U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, pursuant to Ohio R. Civ. P. 5(B)(2)(c), on this 10th day of February, 2016.

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