



Hon. Lavenski R. Smith
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
Thomas F. Eagleton Courthouse
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Dear Chief Judge Smith:

We, the undersigned, are the executive director of the Nebraska Press Association and the executive director of Fix the Court, a national nonprofit that advocates for greater access to federal courts, respectively.

We write today to urge the Eighth Circuit to provide a live audio stream on the court's website for 17-2181, *Melanie Kelsay v. Matt Ernst, etc.*, to be argued at 8:30 a.m. on April 19.

We believe the public's significant and continued interest in this case merits the livestream.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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