Supreme Court of the United States

No. 12-307

United States,

Petitioner

v.

Edith Schlain Windsor, in Her Capacity as Executor of the Estate of Thea Clara Spyer, et al.

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI before judgment.

ON CONSIDERATION of the petition for a writ of certiorari before judgment herein,

IT IS ORDERED by this Court that the said petition is granted. In addition to the question presented by the petition, the parties are directed to brief and argue the following questions: Whether the Executive Branch's agreement with the court below that DOMA is unconstitutional deprives this Court of jurisdiction to decide this case; and whether the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group of the United States House of Representatives has Article III standing in this case.

December 7, 2012

A true copy WILLIAM K. SUTER Test: Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States By

Deputy