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

WASHINGTON ALLIANCE OF TECHNOLOGY WORKERS,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, *et al.*,*Defendants-Appellees.*

On Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Columbia
No. 16-cv-1170
The Hon. Reggie B. Walton

**BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE NISKANEN CENTER
IN SUPPORT OF APPELLEES**

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CERTIFICATE AS TO PARTIES, RULINGS, AND RELATED CASES

A. Parties, Intervenors, and *Amici*

All parties, intervenors, and *amici curiae* before this Court and that appeared before the district court are listed in the Brief for the Appellees (“Appellees’ Brief”), Document No. 1902180.

B. Rulings Under Review

The district court order under review appears in the certificate to Appellees’ Brief, p. iv.

C. Related Cases

All related cases appear in the certificate to Appellees’ Brief, p. v.

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Pursuant to Circuit Rule 29(d), Amicus certify that this separate *amicus* brief is necessary and does not duplicate any other brief that may be submitted. Amicus Niskanen Center seeks to assist the Court by offering insight from Niskanen's original research on the Optional Practical Training Program ("OPT"), which suggests that the OPT positively contributes to the open society and the social and economic well-being of the United States, to the benefit of native-born Americans.

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