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**SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA**

**No. 2016-C-0650**

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT**

**VS.**

**JAMES H. WELSH, IN HIS CAPACITY AS COMMISSIONER OF  
CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

**ON APPLICATION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE COURT OF APPEAL  
FIRST CIRCUIT, PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE**

**Guidry, J., would grant and assigns reasons.**

This matter involves the enforcement of local zoning ordinances, which are fundamental to our system of self-governance and of great importance to the citizenry. For this reason alone, this case warrants thorough consideration by the Supreme Court of Louisiana. It is not a typical preemption case, in my view, because St. Tammany Parish is not attempting to regulate the production of oil and gas, but is instead striving to protect its desired quality of life through a constitutionally-authorized process.