

February 14, 2018

Via Electronic Filing and Regular Mail

Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: No. 17-1111, *J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc., v. Gerardo Ortega, et al.*

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel of record for the plaintiffs Gerardo Ortega, et al., the respondents in this case. The response to the petition is currently due on March 9, 2018. I am writing to request a 30-day extension of the deadline to file a response, to and including April 8, 2018. The petitioner consents to this request.

I will have principal responsibility for preparing the brief in opposition to the petition. As we were not involved in this case in the appellate or district courts, additional time is necessary to allow us to familiarize ourselves with the record in this case. Furthermore, we have several proximate deadlines and obligations that have prevented and will continue to prevent us from devoting adequate time to the response absent an extension. These include a reply brief due in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on February 26; an opening brief due in the Ohio Supreme Court on February 26; a reply brief in the expedited appeal concerning the CFPB leadership dispute due in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit on March 6; an amicus brief due in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on March 19; a reply brief due in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on March 21; an appellee brief due in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit on March 23; a response to a petition for a writ of certiorari due in this Court on March 26. A 30-day extension will allow me and my colleagues to balance these other responsibilities with our obligations in this case.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Deepak Gupta

cc: Roy T. Englert Jr.