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*Via Electronic Filing and Regular Mail*

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

Dear Mr. Bickell:

I am counsel of record for petitioner in this case. On February 14, 2018, respondents requested a 30-day extension of the deadline to file a response. Petitioner consented to that request. On March 22, 2018, respondents requested a second 30-day extension of the deadline to file a response. For the following reasons, petitioner does not consent to that request.

This case is scheduled for trial on July 24, 2018, in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. If this Court were to grant certiorari, however, petitioner would likely ask the district court to stay trial pending a decision on the merits by this Court. Such a decision on the merits could be case-dispositive. A stay of trial pending such a decision could therefore preserve the parties' and the district court's resources. Currently, this case is likely to be distributed for consideration at the May 10, 2018, conference. If this Court grants respondents' request for a second 30-day extension, however, this case would likely not be considered by the Court until the June 7, 2018, conference. That later date would provide petitioner less time to seek a stay, and such a stay request would provide fewer efficiency benefits, given that there are several pre-trial deadlines in June.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: All counsel of record