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Scott S. Harris Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States Supreme Court of the United States 1 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20543-0001

Via E-Filing and U.S. Mail

Re: Kimberly Watso et al. v. Jodi Harpstead, in her official capacity as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services, et al. Supreme Court of the United States, No. 19-550

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent Respondent Jodi Harpstead, Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services, and write on behalf of all Respondents. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondents respectfully request a 30-day extension of time to respond to Petitioners' petition for writ of certiorari. Because the 30th day following the current deadline of December 27, 2019 is a Sunday, this extension would make responses due on or before Monday, January 27, 2020.

Respondents, who are represented by four separate law offices, are all either government entities or government officials sued in their official capacity. Especially in light of the intervening holiday, the current deadline does not allow sufficient time for Respondents to determine whether to respond jointly or separately, draft and finalize a response or responses, and timely print and file. Petitioners' counsel Robert L. Sirianni, Jr. states that Petitioners do not object to Respondents' request.

Sincerely,

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