

August 25, 2020

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

Re: No. 19-968, Uzuegbunam v. Preczewski

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Petitioners and Respondents jointly request that the time in which to file their respective briefs on the merits in the above-referenced case be extended for an additional 14 days. The Court granted the petition for writ of certiorari on July 9, 2020. The Court granted a 14-day extension on August 6, 2020 which extended the deadline for Petitioners' brief on the merits to September 8, 2020 and Respondents' brief on the merits to October 22, 2020.

Petitioners and Respondents understand that this case will now likely be heard during the January oral-argument calendar rather than December. Accordingly, counsel for Petitioners and Respondents jointly seek an additional extension of time in which to file their briefs on the merits due to numerous factors, including the press of other litigation deadlines, and the restrictions currently being experienced due to COVID-19.

Counsel for Petitioners have the following upcoming deadlines:

- A supplemental brief on remand in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York on August 28, 2020 (*New Hope Family Services v. Poole*, No. 5:18-cv-1419);
- A supplemental brief on remand in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on August 28, 2020 (*California v. March for Life Education and Defense Fund*, No. 19-15150);
- An opening brief in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on September 2, 2020 (Cedar Park Assembly of God of Kirkland, Washington v. Kreidler et al., No. 20-35507);

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- A reply brief in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on September 4, 2020 (*Calvary Chapel Dayton Valley v. Sisolak*, No. 20-16169);
- An opening brief in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit on September 11, 2020 (*Thayer v. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland*, No. 20-2151);
- A reply brief in support of a petition for certiorari in this Court on September 15, 2020 (*Tennessee, By and Through the Tennessee General Assembly, et al. v. Department of State, et al.*, No. 19-1137);
- A reply brief in support of a petition for certiorari in this Court on September 15, 2020 (*Baker v. Edwards*, No. 19-1186);
- A significant response brief in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa on September 21, 2020 (*Thayer v. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland*, No. 4:11-cv-00129-JAJ-CFB);
- A reply brief in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit on September 21, 2020 (*A.M., et al. v. French*, No. 20-1772); and
- A reply brief in the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit on October 8, 2020 (*Meriwether v. Hartop*, No. 20-3289).

Granting Petitioners' and Respondents' joint request for an additional 14-day extension will not prejudice the Court's ability to schedule oral argument in this case. If the Court grants the 14-day extension, Petitioners' brief on the merits would be due on September 22, 2020, Respondents' brief on the merits would be due on November 19, 2020, and Petitioners' reply would be due on December 21, 2020. Ample time would still exist for the Court to schedule oral argument in the abovereferenced case during the January 2021 argument session.

For these reasons, Petitioners and Respondents jointly request that the time in which to file their briefs on the merits in this matter be extended for 14 days.

Respectfully Submitted,

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