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Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

RE: Fred J. Eychaner v. City of Chicago, No. 20-1214

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was docketed on March 3, 2021. The City of Chicago waived its right to respond, but the Court requested a response by April 14, 2021. We respectfully request a 44-day extension of time, to and including May 28, 2021, within which to file the requested response. The additional time is necessary for several reasons. My office has been working remotely for more than a year, which has affected our efficiency. During that time, we have incurred upwards of a 35% reduction in attorney time because of vacancies that we have had to leave unfilled for budgetary reasons and because the public schools are not fully reopened for in-person learning. The brief in opposition will also require significant time from my division because the second question was not briefed below and because we expect the filing of at least four separate amicus briefs in support of the petition, to which I have provided consent.

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

Benna Ruth Solomon
Deputy Corporation Counsel

cc: Kosta Stojilkovic