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Via E-File

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

Re: Hope v. Harris, No. 21-1065

Dear Mr. Harris:

Under Supreme Court Rule 30.4, respondents respectfully move for an extension of the time for filing their response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter.

This is respondents' first request for an extension. The response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter is currently due March 25, 2022. Respondents request a 45-day extension of time to file their response, which results in a new filing date of May 9, 2022. My office conferred with counsel for petitioner on March 1, 2022, and petitioner has indicated that he does not oppose the requested extension.

The extension is needed because the undersigned counsel and other counsel assisting with this matter have had and will continue to have numerous briefing and argument obligations that have delayed the preparation of the response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter, including:

- Whole Woman's Health v. Jackson, No. 21-50792 in the Supreme Court of Texas, oral argument presented February 24, 2022.
- Ramey v. Lumpkin, No. 21-950 in this Court; brief in opposition to the petition for writ of certiorari filed February 28, 2022.

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- Torres v. Texas Department of Public Safety, No. 20-603 in this Court; brief on the merits due March 2 and oral argument on March 29, 2022.
- Texas Entertainment Association v. Hegar; petition for writ of certiorari due in this Court on March 14, 2022.
- Canales v. Paxton, No. 21-658 in this Court; brief in opposition to the petition for writ of certiorari due March 21, 2022.
- Biden v. Texas, No. 21-954 in this Court; brief on the merits due April 7, 2022, and oral argument to be set the week of April 25, 2022.
- Balentine v. Lumpkin, No. 21-7061 in this Court; brief in opposition to the petition for writ of certiorari due April 21, 2022.

For the foregoing reasons, Respondent respectfully requests a 45-day extension of the deadline for filing a response to the petition for a writ of certiorari, creating a new deadline of May 9, 2022.

Sincerely,

/s/ Judd E. Stone II

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