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

Re: *Merrill, et al. v. Milligan, et al.*, No. 21-1086; *Merrill, et al. v. Caster, et al.*, No. 21-1087

Dear Mr. Harris:

On February 7, 2022, the Court noted probable jurisdiction in *Merrill v. Milligan*, No. 21-1086, and granted a petition for a writ of certiorari before judgment in *Merrill v. Caster*, No. 21-1087. On February 22, 2022, the Court consolidated the cases. The Court has informed the parties that the cases will be argued in the October Term 2022. Under the Court's rules, Appellants/Petitioners' opening briefs on the merits are currently due March 24, 2022.

Because of scheduling conflicts created by ongoing litigation matters, the parties jointly request an extension of time to file Appellants/Petitioners' merits briefs and the joint appendix and an extension of time to file Appellees' and Respondents' merits briefs. Pursuant to Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court and subject to the Court's approval, the parties propose the following briefing schedule:

Appellants/Petitioners' Briefs on the Merits and Joint Appendix:	April 25, 2022
Appellees' and Respondents' Briefs on the Merits:	July 11, 2022
Petitioners' Reply Brief:	August 10, 2022

This schedule should allow the Court to hear argument in this case during the October sitting.

Respectfully submitted,

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