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Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20542

**RE: Swagelok Associates Welfare Benefits Plan v. Laura Patterson
No. 21-1516**

To the Clerk of Court:

I represent Respondents Laura Patterson and Eric Patterson in the above referenced case. Petitioner Swagelok Associates Welfare Benefits Plan filed its Petition for a Writ of Certiorari on May 31, 2022 and the matter was placed on the docket on June 2, 2022. Respondents' brief in opposition to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due on or before July 5, 2022. Pursuant to Rule 30.4 of the United States Supreme Court, I request a thirty (30) day extension of time to file a brief in opposition of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

I am counsel of record in the above referenced matter. Over the last two weeks and over the next month I have been and am scheduled to attend numerous depositions, hearings, mediations, and pre-trials in multiple other matters I am handling, in addition to preparing for a jury trial in state trial court that is set to begin on August 2nd and last approximately one week. In addition to these other obligations, I have been consulting with other practitioners for assistance in preparing Respondent's submission to the Court. Finally, I have been dealing with a recent illness and death in my family that occurred this past weekend.

Accordingly, I respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension of time, until August 4, 2022, to file a brief in opposition to the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in this matter.

I thank you for your time and attention. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Benjamin P. Pfouts

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Benjamin P. Pfouts, of lawful age, being duly sworn, upon my oath state that I did, on the 27th day of June, 2022, send out from Akron, Ohio, one package containing one letter to the Clerk of the Court pursuant to Rule 30.4 in the above entitled case. All parties required to be served have been served by Priority Mail and electronic mail. Packages were plainly addressed to the following:

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