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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: *Deb Haaland, et al. v. Chad Everet Brackeen, et al.*, No. 21-376
Cherokee Nation, et al. v. Chad Everet Brackeen, et al., No. 21-377
Chad Everet Brackeen, et al. v. Deb Haaland, et al., No. 21-380

Dear Mr. Harris:

In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent the State of Texas, respectfully moves for an extension of the time for filing its response to the petitions for a writ of certiorari in the above-referenced matters.

The underlying proceedings have generated four petitions for certiorari in this case, all filed on September 3 and all with briefs in opposition due on October 8. Respondent initially requested a 30-day extension of the October 8 deadline, changing the file date for briefs in opposition to November 8. Respondent now requests a second extension, creating a filing due date of December 8. All Petitioners in the above-listed petitions have been notified that Respondent intends to request an extension and do not object.

The extension is necessary due to the numerous urgent briefing and argument obligations of undersigned counsel and other counsel assisting with this matter. This Court will soon hear multiple significant cases involving the State of Texas and has established accelerated deadlines in those cases implicating the late-October, early-

November timeframe. *See Ramirez v. Collier*, No. 21-5592 (Sept. 8, 2021) (oral argument originally set for November 1); *United States v. Texas*, No. 21-588 (parties' briefs due Oct. 27, reply briefs Oct. 29, and oral argument on Nov. 1), and *Whole Woman's Health, et al. v. Jackson*, No. 21-463 (Oct. 22, 2021) (parties' briefs due Oct. 27, reply briefs Oct. 29, and oral argument on Nov. 1). Granting Texas's requested extension of time in this matter will enable counsel to meet their numerous briefing and argument obligations and prepare a response to the petitions that will best assist this Court.

For the foregoing reasons, Respondent respectfully requests an extension of the deadline for filing its response to the petitions for a writ of certiorari, until December 8, 2021.

Sincerely,

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