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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: *Rodolfo Canales, Jr. v. Ken Paxton, et al.*, No. 21-658

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 petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter.

On December 20, 2021, the Court requested that a response to the petition be filed on or before January 19, 2022. Respondent the State of Texas requests a 30-day extension of that deadline, to February 18, 2022.

Petitioner has advised that he does not oppose the extension.

The extension is necessary because counsel who handled the case in state court is no longer with the Attorney General's office, and undersigned counsel of record and counsel assisting him are engaged in several other matters with briefing and argument obligations proximate to the current deadline, including:

- *The University of Texas System v. The Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity and Jon Cassidy*, No. 21-0534, in the Supreme Court of Texas (reply in support of petition for review due January 3, 2022);
- *Office of the Attorney General of Texas v. Brickman*, No. 21-1027, in the Supreme Court of Texas (petition for review due January 5, 2022);

- *Victim Rights Law Center, et al. v. State of Texas*, No. 21-1777, in the First Circuit Court of Appeals (brief due January 31, 2022);
- *Tucker v. Gaddis*, No. 20-40267, in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals (oral argument on February 2, 2022);
- *Jim Olive Photography, dba Photolive, Inc. v. University of Houston System*, No. 21-735, in the Supreme Court of the United States (respondent's brief in opposition due February 7, 2022);
- *Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, et al. v. State of Texas*, No. 20-493, in the Supreme Court of the United States (respondent's brief on the merits due January 10, 2022; oral argument on February 22, 2022).

In addition, counsel and their support staff anticipate reduced availability between December 28, 2021, and January 2, 2022, due to the holiday season.

For the foregoing reasons, Respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of the deadline for filing its response to the petition for a writ of certiorari to February 18, 2022.

Sincerely,

/s/ Judd E. Stone II
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