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**Re: *Hermanidad de Empleados del Fondo del Seguro del Estado, et al. v. United States, et al.*,
No. 21-718**

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, I write on behalf of Respondent Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the “Board”) to request a 30-day extension of time to respond to the petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned matter. The Board currently has until December 16 to respond to the petition. The requested 30-day extension would move the due date to January 18, 2022.¹ Counsel for Petitioners does not oppose this request.

Congress established the Board to oversee the restructuring of Puerto Rico’s massive public debt, which is the largest municipal-debt restructuring in American history. *See* 48 U.S.C. § 2121(b). The Board is presently engaged in litigation on several fronts, including litigation concerning the plan of adjustment filed on behalf of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, numerous adversary proceedings, and several appeals pending before the First Circuit. Given the significant number of matters the Board is currently handling, we respectfully submit that the requested extension is necessary to provide adequate time to properly respond to the petition in this case.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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¹ A 30-day extension would set the deadline for Saturday, January 15, 2022. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30, the deadline is moved to the following weekday that is not a holiday—here, Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Monday, January 17 is Martin Luther King Day.



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cc: Jessica Esther Mendez, Counsel of Record for Petitioners
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