App. No. _____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

AETNA, INC., AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OPTUMHEALTH CARE SOLUTIONS, INC.,

Petitioners,

v.

SANDRA PETERS,

Respondent.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

DIRECTED TO THE HONORABLE JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR., CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT AND CIRCUIT JUSTICE FOR THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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Counsel for Petitioners Aetna, Inc. and Aetna Life Insurance Company TO THE HONORABLE JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR., AS CIRCUIT JUSTICE FOR THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT:

Under Supreme Court Rules 13.5, 22, and 30, Petitioners Aetna, Inc., Aetna Life Insurance Company, and OptumHealth Care Solutions, Inc. request an extension of 60 days to file their petitions for a writ of certiorari in *Peters v. Aetna Inc.*, No. 19-2085, 2 F.4th 199 (4th Cir. 2021) (attached as Appendix A). In support of its application, Petitioners state the following:

1. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit filed its opinion on June 22, 2021. The Fourth Circuit denied Petitioners' petition for panel rehearing or rehearing *en banc* on July 20, 2021. The Fourth Circuit's July 20, 2021 order is attached as Appendix B. As it stands, Petitioners must file their certiorari petition by October 18, 2021.

2. In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 13.5, Petitioners have filed this application at least ten days before the October 18, 2021 deadline.

3. We have consulted with counsel for Respondent Peters, and Peters does not oppose the requested extension.

4. This Court will have jurisdiction over the certiorari petition under 28 U.S.C. § 1254.

5. Petitioners request an extension so that they can have time to prepare their respective petitions for a writ of certiorari. Given the press of business in other cases and the substantial record below, Petitioners' counsel needs the additional time to analyze the record and prepare the petitions.

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Accordingly, Petitioners request an extension of the deadline for their certiorari petitions up through and including December 17, 2021.

Respectfully submitted on October 8, 2021.

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