

May 12, 2022

Hon. Scott Harris Office of the Clerk Supreme Court of the United States 1 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20543

Re: Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, United Stockgrowers of America v. Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture et al., No. 21-918

Dear Mr. Harris,

Petitioner writes to object to the Intervenor-Respondents' May 11, 2022, extension request in this matter. Intervenor-Respondents previously moved to extend their time to respond to the Petition for Certiorari on January 10, 2022, and February 17, 2022. Petitioner did not object to either request, and both requests were granted.

In their first extension request, Intervenor-Respondents stated the extension was warranted so that they could "carefully consider and respond to the arguments raised." In their second extension request, they stated the extension was proper so they could "align" the timing of their response with that of the Government-Respondents. Nonetheless, while the Government-Respondents filed their response on March 24, 2022, Intervenors waived their response. The Court then called for a response and Intervenors now seek yet another extension.

Granting such a request will delay consideration of the Petition, pending since December 17, 2021, until after the Court's summer recess.

Intervenors did not consult with Petitioner regarding this or any of their other extensions. Had they done so prior to their most recent filing, Petitioner would have expressed these concerns. Unfortunately, now Petitioner must involve the Court with this matter. Petitioner requests the third extension be denied.

Sincerely,

Counsel for Petitioner

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