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The Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Johnson v. Prentice*, No. 22-693

Dear Mr. Harris:

On March 16, 2023, this Court directed Respondents Susan Prentice, Deidre Marano, Travis Devries, Eric Myers, Gerald Henkel, John Gasper, James Boland, Warren Hadsell, Kimberly Kelly, Terri Kennedy, and Michael Melvin to file a response to the petition for a writ of *certiorari* that was filed in the above-referenced case by April 17, 2023. On April 6, 2023, this Court granted respondents' motion to extend the time for filing a response to May 17, 2023. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, respondents respectfully request a 30-day extension of time to June 16, 2023, to file their response.

Counsel for petitioner requested two extensions of time to file the petition for a writ of *certiorari* to this Court, which respondents did not oppose. And counsel for petitioner does not oppose this request for an extension of time to file the response.

The extension requested by respondents is necessary due to current and recent work responsibilities held by Assistant Attorney General Frank H. Bieszczat, Deputy Chief of the Civil Appeals Division, who assumed responsibility to draft respondent's brief in opposition under my supervision after the case was reassigned to him from Assistant Attorney General Benjamin Jacobson, who was no longer able to work on this case. Specifically, Mr. Bieszczat has had to familiarize himself with the factual and procedural background of the case, as well as the relevant legal issues before beginning to draft the response. And, as a Deputy Division Chief, he has had to devote time to numerous supervisory and administrative duties. Mr. Bieszczat was also out of the office from March 20 through April 4, 2023, while on paternity leave following the birth of his first child.



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In addition, my work responsibilities and personal schedule merit an extension of time to file the response. As the Illinois Solicitor General, I devote substantial time to performing supervisory and administrative duties, including editing briefs in numerous appeals and helping attorneys prepare for oral argument. Those duties include supervising the following filings in this Court: the reply brief in support of the petition for *certiorari* in *Eagleson v. St. Anthony Hospital*, No. 22-534 (U.S.), which was filed on April 18, 2023, the amicus brief of the State of Illinois, *et al.* in *United States v. Rahimi*, No. 22-915 (U.S.), which was filed on April 20, 2023; the brief in opposition in *Johnson v. Illinois*, No. 22-6431 (U.S.), which was filed on April 24, 2023; and a response to the application for injunction pending appeal in *National Association for Gun Rights v. Naperville*, No. 22A948 (U.S.), which is due on May 8, 2023.

This is respondents' second request for an extension of time. It is not made for purposes of delay, but solely to ensure that respondents' interests are adequately protected. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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