

April 19, 2023

Scott S. Harris
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *George Washington University v. Stafford*, No. 22-938

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write on behalf of the George Washington University in response to Respondent's letter requesting an extension of time to respond to the petition for certiorari in this case. The University respectfully opposes any extension beyond May 23, 2023.

Extending Respondent's deadline beyond that date would postpone this Court's consideration of the petition beyond the onset of the Court's summer recess. Moreover, because Respondent waived his right to respond to the petition before the Court called for a response, his counsel has already had the benefit of 15 additional days beyond the ordinary 30-day period in which to prepare a response. The University appreciates that Respondent's attorneys have other commitments beyond this matter. But the same is true of many counsel practicing before this Court—including the University's attorneys, who filed the petition for a writ of certiorari in the prescribed time without requesting any extension of time.

Extending Respondent's deadline to May 23 therefore would strike an appropriate balance between providing Respondent's counsel adequate time to respond to the petition while preserving the Court's ability to consider the petition before it rises for the summer recess. Avoiding unnecessary delay in the Court's consideration of the petition is especially appropriate to aid the district court in determining a schedule for further proceedings, which is likely to include setting a trial date if the litigation is not resolved in an upcoming mediation.

Respectfully,

/s/ Jason C. Schwartz

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cc: Counsel of record