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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Hon. Scott. S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington DC 20543-0001

Re: *Laurie Dermody v. Executive Office of Health and Human Services of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, No. 22-957

Dear Clerk Harris:

The Respondent, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, has been asked by the Court to file a brief in response to the petition for certiorari by June 12, 2023. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 15.3, 30.2, and 30.4, I respectfully request that the Respondent's deadline be extended by thirty days, to July 12, 2023. My request is based on the need for thorough review within the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General, and the extent of my own professional commitments. Counsel for the Petitioner opposes this request for an extension.

My office provides appropriate close review of a Court-requested brief in response to a certiorari petition. The response in this case will be subjected to multiple rounds of thorough evaluation and revision by various attorneys at different levels. In addition, while I am prioritizing the matter, I remain responsible for roughly forty other cases. My obligations in these matters include a one-week jury trial and the filing of four dispositive motions. I will need to devote attention to those cases as to which reassignment would be impractical, either because of my long involvement with them or for other reasons.

For the foregoing reasons, a thirty-day extension, to July 12, 2023, will enable my office to provide the Court with more thorough and helpful briefing. It will not prejudice any party. On behalf of the Respondent, I request that such an extension be allowed.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 29, I hereby certify that, on the date set forth below, a true copy of the accompanying letter was served upon all parties required to be served. Specifically, a copy was served through the United States Postal Service by first class mail, postage pre-paid, as well as by electronic mail. Service was directed to the counsel of record for the one other party to the case:

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