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

Re: *Free Speech Coalition v. Paxton*, No. 23-1122 – Response to Extension Request

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write regarding respondent's request to extend the time to respond to the petition in the above-captioned case. In light of the severe and irreparable harm that petitioners face from unstayed enforcement of the challenged state-law provision, which petitioners contend violates the First Amendment under this Court's precedent, petitioners respectfully oppose any extension that would meaningfully delay the Court's consideration of the petition. Texas's ongoing enforcement of H.B. 1181's age-verification command is chilling protected speech and silencing would-be speakers. *See* Stay Appl. 25-27, *Free Speech Coalition v. Paxton*, No. 23A925 (filed Apr. 12, 2024). Understanding that a short extension—*i.e.*, to May 21, 2024, or an earlier date—would permit consideration of the petition before the summer recess, petitioners do not oppose an extension to that extent. Further extension, by contrast, would be both prejudicial and unwarranted considering the expedition below (whereby merits briefing was completed within a single week) and respondent's demonstrated ability to respond fulsomely to a requested stay in this same matter. *See* Opp. to Stay Appl., *Free Speech Coalition v. Paxton*, No. 23A925 (filed Apr. 26, 2024).

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Counsel of Record