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Scott Harris, Clerk Supreme Court of the United States 1 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Otis Crandel, as Dependent Administrator of and on Behalf of Billy Wayne Worl,

Jr., et al.

v. Dalena Hall, et al.

No. 23-317

Dear Mr. Harris:

On September 22, 2023, petitioners filed their petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-referenced matters, seeking the Court's review of two decisions of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. On October 27, 2023, the Court requested responses to the petition by November 27, 2023.

Respondents respectfully request, under Supreme Court Rule 30.4, a 45-day extension of that due date, to and including January 11, 2024. This is respondents' first request for an extension. The extension is requested due to pre-planned out-of-state travel and/or vacations during the holiday season as well as extensive pre-existing commitments, including:

- FMLA leave to care for a family member who is undergoing a major medical procedure in early November and will require care for at least two weeks;
- A response brief due on November 13, 2023, in *Ellis v. City of White Settlement, et al.*, No. No. 23-10996, pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit;
- Motions to dismiss due on November 16, 2023 in *Qukulkhan Shahbaz Nagaqixi Amaru, et al. v. Rhome Police Department, et al.*; No. 4:22-cv-1090-O-BP, pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas;
- A reply brief due on November 20, 2023 in *Bevill v. Wheeler, et al.*, No. 23-40321, pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit;
- A motion for summary judgment due on November 22, 2023 in *Riser v. Montenegro*, No. 3:22-cv-1014, pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas;
- A motion to dismiss due on November 27, 2023 in *Maxell v. Wichita County, et al.*, No. 3:23-cv-02220-L, pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas;
- An evidentiary trial on a contest to the appointment of an administrator in *In re Estate of Eloise Vinson*, No. 2023-PRO2054-1, pending in Probate Court No. 1, Tarrant County, Texas;

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• An oral argument on December 19, 2023 in *TCHDallas2*, *LLC v. Andres "Andrew" Espinoza*, *in his Official Capacity as the Building Official of the City of Dallas*, *Texas*, No. 05-22-01278-CV, pending in the Court of Appeals for the Fifth District of Texas at Dallas.

Petitioners have stated that they do not oppose this extension.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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