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Via Efile

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

Re: Joseph Cascino et al. v. Jane Nelson, Texas Secretary of State, No. 23-612

Dear Mr. Harris:

In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent Jane Nelson, Texas Secretary of State, respectfully moves for an extension of the time for filing the response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter.

Petitioners filed a petition for a writ of certiorari on December 5, 2023. A response is presently due February 15, 2024. Respondent requests a 30-day extension of that deadline, creating a new filing date of March 18, 2024.^{*} This is Respondent's first request for an extension.

My staff reached out to counsel for Petitioners via e-mail to ask for Petitioners' position on this motion. Petitioners' counsel advised that the requested extension is unopposed.

The extension is necessary because counsel of record for Respondent has numerous briefing and argument obligations. Such matters include:

• Appellant's Reply Brief in *State of Texas v. Department of Homeland Security, et al.*, No. 23-50869, due to be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on January 30, 2024;

^{*} Thirty days from February 15 falls on March 16, which is a Saturday.

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- Presenting argument in *State of Texas v. Department of Homeland Security, et al.*, No. 23-50869, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on February 7, 2024; and
- Presenting argument in *NetChoice v. Paxton*, No. 22-555, in this Court on February 26, 2024.

For the foregoing reasons, Respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of the deadline to file the response to the petition for a writ of certiorari, creating a new deadline of Monday, March 18, 2024.

Respectfully submitted.

/s/ Aaron L. Nielson

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cc: Chad Dunn, Counsel of Record for Petitioners (via e-mail)