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**Re: *Rafael Hernández-Montañez v. Fin. Oversight & Mgmt. Bd. for P.R.*, No. 23-674
Pedro Pierluisi, Governor of P.R., et al. v. Fin. Oversight & Mgmt. Bd. for P.R.,
No. 23-678**

Dear Mr. Harris:

On behalf of Respondent the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the “Board”), I am writing pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4 to request a 30-day extension of time to file a response to the petitions for certiorari in the two above-captioned matters. The Board’s response to the two petitions is currently due on January 22, 2024. The requested 30-day extension would extend the due date to February 21. Both Petitioners consent to the requested extension.

The Board was established by Congress to oversee the restructuring of Puerto Rico’s massive public debt—the largest restructuring of public debt in American history. *See* 48 U.S.C. § 2121(b). The Board is presently engaged in numerous litigations at the First Circuit and before the district court overseeing the debt-restructuring cases. Among other things, the Board is currently preparing a combined opening and response brief due on January 8 in seven consolidated and expedited cross-appeals at the First Circuit. *See Fin. Oversight & Mgmt. Bd. for P.R. v. Assured Guaranty Corp.*, Nos. 23-2036, 23-2049, 23-2050, 23-2052, 23-2053, 23-2054, 23-2057 (1st Cir.). At the same time, the Board is preparing for a critical March hearing at the district court concerning confirmation of a plan of adjustment for the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority. In light of the great number of matters the Board is handling, the Board respectfully submits that the requested extension is necessary to allow it to respond properly to the petitions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Martin J. Bienenstock
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