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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: *James P. Ryan v. Carlo DeMaria, Jr. et al.*, No. 23-711

Dear Clerk Harris:

The Respondents have been asked by the Court to file a brief in response to the petition for certiorari by March 28, 2024. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 15.3, 30.2, and 30.4, on behalf of all Respondents, I respectfully request that the Respondents' deadline be extended by sixty days, to May 27, 2024. My request is based on the need for thorough review within the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General, which represents 26 of the Respondents, and review by the other 30 Respondents, whom my Office does not represent. Petitioner opposes this request for an extension.

The Respondents anticipate submitting a consolidated brief in response to the petition, on behalf of most or all Respondents, in order to aid the Court's review of the petition. The response will therefore be subjected to review by multiple groups of counsel for the Respondents. In addition, my office itself provides appropriate close review of a Court-requested brief in response to a certiorari petition, providing multiple rounds of thorough evaluation and revision by various attorneys at different levels. While I am prioritizing the matter, I remain responsible for roughly thirty-five other cases. My obligations in these matters include four principal appellate briefs to be filed within the next six weeks. 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 sixty-day extension, to May 27, 2024, will enable counsel for the Respondents, including my office, to provide the Court with more thorough and helpful briefing. It will not prejudice any party. On behalf of the Respondents, I request that such an extension be allowed.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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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 unrepresented petitioner and to counsel of record for the other parties to the case:

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