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

RE: *Gene Gonzales, et al. v. Governor Jay Inslee & State of Washington*, No. 23-935

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel of record for Respondents Governor Jay Inslee and the State of Washington in the above-captioned case. The Court has called for a response to the petition for certiorari and set the deadline for the brief in opposition as April 17, 2024. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Respondents request a 30-day extension to file a Brief in Opposition, to May 17, 2024. Counsel for Petitioners consents to the extension.

This request for additional time is made to accommodate other concurrent deadlines, particularly briefing and argument in multiple cases by the attorneys assigned to this matter. Our office has a very small team trained in handling U.S. Supreme Court matters, and every member of that team is exceptionally busy in the weeks ahead, handling or overseeing multiple arguments and important briefs in the Ninth Circuit and Washington Supreme Court. In addition, I briefed and argued this case in the Washington Supreme Court, and I am leading multiple cases defending a recently enacted state law, all with overlapping deadlines over the next few weeks. I also represent the State of Washington in two challenges to state legislative redistricting and am responding to an emergency motion to stay the remedial map adopted by the district court, which is now before the Ninth Circuit. This is in addition to our normal responsibilities of reviewing appellate briefs for others, preparing advocates for oral argument, providing client advice, and various other duties.

We respectfully submit that the requested extension will allow sufficient time for our office to provide a more thorough and helpful response to the Court.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Cristina Sepe*

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cc: Jonathan M. Houghton, Counsel for Petitioners Gene and Susan Gonzales, Horwath Family Two, LLC, and the Washington Landlord Association