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The Honorable Scott Harris  
Clerk of Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street, NE  
Washington, District of Columbia 20543

*Via E-file*

RE: Request for extension of time to file a response to the petition  
Docket No. 23-972 *Angela Germaine Spencer, By and Through Next  
Friend and Mother of A.S., a Minor, Petitioner v. Harrison County, Texas*

Dear Mr. Harris,

I am counsel for Respondent Harrison County, Texas ("Respondent"), in this case. Petitioners filed their Petition on March 1, 2024. On April 18, 2024, the Court requested a response. Absent an extension, Respondent's response is due on May 20, 2024. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Respondent respectfully requests that the time for filing a response be extended twenty-three (23) days, making the due date June 12, 2024.

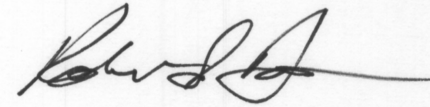
This request for an extension is Respondent's first. Good cause exists for the requested extension. Counsel for Respondent has been working diligently to prepare the response, but needs additional time to complete, print and file Respondent's Response. Counsel has been in trial prep for Cause No. 20-0054 in the 71<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court of Harrison County, Texas and Cause No. 183-18 in the 115<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Upshur County, Texas, in which jury selection for trial began on May 13, 2024 and is expected to continue all week. In addition, Counsel has had several overlapping deadlines in other professional matters during the existing time for preparation of Respondent's Response. Counsel also had to miss a week of work due to having a surgical procedure in Dallas, Texas that required recovery time.

The requested extension is necessary to ensure Respondent and Counsel have an adequate opportunity to review and respond to the Petition. Counsel has conferred with Petitioner on May 14, 2024, and Counsel for Petitioner is unopposed to this extension. Accordingly, Respondent requests a twenty-three (23) day extension of time to file their

Response, making the due date June 12, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Very truly yours,



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