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

Re: Request for extension of time to file Brief in Opposition  
*Scott Lee DeShaw v. State of Arizona*  
*Bobby Purcell v. State of Arizona*  
*Bobby Tatum v. State of Arizona*  
*William Najar v. State of Arizona*  
*Ralph Cruz v. State of Arizona*  
*Joseph Conley v. State of Arizona*  
*Jose Bosquez v. State of Arizona*  
*Jermaine Rutledge v. State of Arizona*  
No. 24-6939

Dear Mr. Harris:

On February 14, 2025, Petitioners filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari. On May 13, 2025, the Court ordered Respondent to file a Brief in Opposition on or before June 12, 2025. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of this deadline, to and including July 14, 2025.<sup>1</sup> Mikel Steinfeld, counsel for Petitioners, does not object to the requested extension.

The extension is necessary for several reasons. First, Respondent's counsel in this Court—the Arizona Attorney General's Office—did not represent the State in all proceedings below. In at least some of the proceedings in all eight cases—including the most recent proceedings in some of those cases—the State was represented by a County Attorney's Office. The Attorney General's Office thus needs additional time to familiarize itself with the procedural and factual history of these matters, and to ensure adequate coordination between the Attorney General's Office and prior counsel at the County Attorney's Offices for two counties in eight separate matters.

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<sup>1</sup> July 12 is a Saturday.

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Moreover, the extension is necessary due to counsel's other responsibilities, including (1) filing a supplemental brief in the Arizona Supreme Court by June 10, (2) filing a motion to dismiss in a complex case in Maricopa County Superior Court by June 10, (3) filing a response to a motion for preliminary injunction in a complex case in Maricopa County Superior Court by June 11, and (4) preparing for en banc oral argument in the Ninth Circuit on June 25. Counsel also has supervisory and reviewing responsibilities on other matters.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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