

August 6, 2020

Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of the Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
One First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20543-0001

Re: No. 19-1186, *Joshua Baker, Director, South Carolina Department of Health & Human Services v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, et al.*

Dear Mr. Harris:

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court delay distribution of the petition for writ of certiorari until September 16, 2020, for consideration at the Court's conference on October 9, 2020. The petition for writ of certiorari was filed on March 27, 2020, and was placed on the Court's docket on March 30, 2020. After the Court granted three requests to extend the response deadline by 30 days, Respondents' brief in opposition was filed on July 29, 2020. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 15.5, absent the requested delay, the petition, brief in opposition, and reply brief would be distributed on August 12, 2020.

Counsel for Petitioner seeks a 35-day extension due to the restrictions currently being experienced due to COVID-19 and the press of numerous other litigation deadlines. Among many other matters, Petitioner's counsel has the following upcoming litigation deadlines:

- A response to motion to stay briefing in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit on August 7, 2020 (*Thayer v. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland*, No. 20-2151);
- An opening brief in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit on August 12, 2020 (*A.M. v. French*, No. 20-1772);
- A summary-judgment hearing in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan on August 18, 2020 (*JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. v. Larry J. Winget et al.*, No. 2:08-cv-13845);
- A summary-judgment hearing in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan on August 20, 2020 (*Taylor v. Barnes*, No. 1:19-cv-00670);

- A supplemental brief on remand in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York on August 21, 2020 (*New Hope Family Services v. Poole*, No. 5:18-cv-1419);
- An opening brief in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit on August 28, 2020 (*Thayer v. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland*, No. 20-2151);
- A reply brief in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on August 31, 2020 (*Calvary Chapel Dayton Valley v. Sisolak*, No. 20-16169);
- An opening brief in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on September 2, 2020 (*Cedar Park Assembly of God of Kirkland, Washington v. Kreidler et al.*, No. 20-35507);
- A reply brief in support of a petition for certiorari in this Court on September 2, 2020 (*Tennessee, By and Through the Tennessee General Assembly, et al. v. Department of State, et al.*, No. 19-1137);
- A significant response brief in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa on September 3, 2020 (*Thayer v. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland*, No. 4:11-cv-00129-JAJ-CFB);
- A reply brief in the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit on September 7, 2020 (*Meriwether v. The Trustees of Shawnee State University et al.*, No. 20-3289); and
- A merits brief and joint appendix in this Court on September 8, 2020 (*Uzuegbunam v. Preczewski*, No. 19-968).

Respondents do not object to this extension.

For these reasons, Petitioner requests that the Court delay distribution of the petition for writ of certiorari until September 16, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

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