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Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543-0001

Re: *David Thompson, et al. v. Heather Hebdon, Executive Director of the Alaska Public Offices Commission, et al.*; No. 19-122

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter was filed on July 22, 2019, and placed on the docket on July 25. The response is due on August 26, 2019.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time up to and including September 25, 2019, to prepare a response. The petition presents complex First Amendment issues. The complexity of the issues and the length and detail of the petition lead the respondents to respectfully request additional time to complete the brief in opposition, given the press of other business. The respondents' counsel is a government attorney whose office cannot decline work and whose caseload includes more time-sensitive matters. In addition, the respondents have consented to the filing of a brief *amicus curiae* supporting the petition, and unless an extension is granted, the respondents may not have an opportunity to address the contents of the *amicus* brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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