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Via E-File

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

**Re: *City of Austin, Texas v. Ken Paxton, Attorney General of Texas, et al.*,
No. 19-1441**

Dear Mr. Harris:

In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 30.4 and the Court's Order of March 19, 2020, Respondent Ken Paxton, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the State of Texas, respectfully moves for an extension of the time for filing his response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter.

On September 2, 2020, the Court requested that a response to the petition be filed on or before October 2, 2020. Respondent requests a 60-day extension of that deadline, for a new filing date of December 1, 2020.

Petitioner has advised that it does not oppose the requested extension.

The extension is necessary because lead counsel has briefing obligations in numerous cases with deadlines over the next 60 days. Lead counsel's caseload has been significantly increased due to COVID-19-related litigation involving the State of Texas and its officials, including several emergency and expedited matters. In addition, lead counsel must spend any available time in between briefing deadlines preparing for oral arguments in:

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- *Texas v. New Mexico*, Orig. 65 (U.S.) (oral argument October 5, 2020)
- *In re Academy*, No. 19-0497 (Tex.) (oral argument October 6, 2020)
- *In re Brown*, 19-0877 (Tex.) (oral argument October 29, 2020)
- *California v. Texas*, No. 18-840 (U.S.) (oral argument November 10, 2020)

For the foregoing reasons, Respondent respectfully requests a 60-day extension of the deadline to file his response to the petition for a writ of certiorari, creating a new deadline of December 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted.

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