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

RE: *California, et al. v. Texas, et al.*, No. 19-840

Dear Mr. Harris:

The state petitioners write in response to the request by the state and individual respondents for an extension of time in which to file their responses to the petition. Petitioners would not normally object to an extension request of this nature. Under the circumstances here, however, petitioners respectfully oppose any extension request. Petitioners recognize that the Court denied the motion to expedite consideration of the petition. After full certiorari-stage briefing, however, the Court may decide that it is appropriate to grant review and decide the case this Term. *See* Pet. 16-19. While denying the extension request would preserve that option, granting the request would foreclose it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Samuel P. Siegel".

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