



April 15, 2021

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

Re: No. 20-1066, *Hoggard v. Rhodes*

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to the Court's March 19, 2020 order, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court delay distribution of the petition for writ of certiorari until April 27, 2021, for consideration at the Court's conference on May 13, 2021. The petition for writ of certiorari was filed and placed on the Court's docket on January 28, 2021. After the Court granted one 30-day extension, Respondents' brief in opposition was filed on April 7, 2021. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 15.5, absent the requested delay, the petition, brief in opposition, and reply brief would be distributed on April 21, 2021, also for consideration at the May 13 conference. So delay in distribution to April 27 would not delay the Court's consideration of the petition at all.

Counsel for Petitioner seeks a 6-day extension due to the restrictions currently being experienced because of COVID-19 combined with the press of numerous other litigation deadlines. Among many other matters, Petitioner's counsel has the following upcoming litigation deadlines:

- A merits reply brief in this Court on April 19, 2021 (*Thomas More Law Center v. Rodriguez*, No. 19-255);
- Extensive preparations as co-lead counsel in support of oral argument in this Court on April 26, 2021 (consolidated cases *Thomas More Law Center v. Rodriguez*, No. 19-255 and *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. Rodriguez*, No. 19-251);
- An amicus brief in this Court on May 3, 2021 (*Box v. Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, Inc.*, No. 20-1375);

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- Preparations in support of oral argument in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on May 3, 2021 (*Hecox v. Little*, Nos. 20-35813 and 20-35815);
- Preparations in support of oral argument in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit on May 7, 2021 (*Vlaming v. West Point School Board*, No. 20-1940);
- Preparations in support of oral argument in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit on May 11, 2021 (*Young America's Foundation v. Kaler*, No. 20-3029);
- Preparations in support of oral argument in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit on May 13, 2021 (*Thayer v. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, Inc.*, No. 20-2151); and
- An amicus brief in this Court on May 13, 2021 (*Rutledge v. Little Rock Family Planning Services*, No. 20-1434).

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 April 27, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

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