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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

July 19, 2021

Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services v. Empire Health Foundation, for Valley Hospital Medical Center,  
No. 20-1312

Dear Mr. Harris:

The Court granted the petition for a writ of certiorari in this case on July 2, 2021. On behalf of both parties, we respectfully request that the time for filing petitioner's opening brief and the joint appendix be extended to and including September 1, 2021; and that the time for filing respondent's brief be extended to and including October 18, 2021. If those extensions are granted, petitioner's reply brief would be due 30 days after the filing of respondent's brief (or at the time specified in Rule 25.3).

Counsel for both parties consent to these extensions of time.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Acting Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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