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

Re: Rutledge v. Little Rock Family Planning Services, No. 20-1434

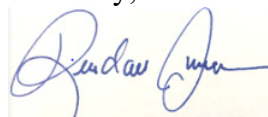
Dear Mr. Harris:

I write on behalf of respondents to request an extension of time of 45 days under Rule 30.4 to respond to the petition for a writ of certiorari in *Rutledge v. Little Rock Family Planning Services*, No. 20-1434. That change would make our brief in opposition due June 28; it is currently due May 13. On April 29 and 30, I communicated with Mr. Nicholas Bronni, counsel of record for petitioners, about our plan to seek a 45-day extension. He informed me that petitioners consent to an extension of 35 days.

Counsel for respondents request a 45-day extension because of challenges stemming from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has complicated our ability to communicate with our client and has yielded many competing deadlines as courts begin to schedule long-delayed proceedings. Our other deadlines and commitments include a brief in opposition due in mid-May in *United States v. Taylor*, No. 20-1459 (U.S.); an appellee brief due June 16 in *Hopkins v. Jegley*, No. 21-1068 (8th Cir.); a merits brief due June 22 in *Hemphill v. New York*, No. 20-637 (U.S.); a merits brief due August 13 in *Cameron v. EMW Women's Surgical Center, P.S.C.*, No. 20-601 (U.S.); and several depositions and briefing deadlines in *SmileDirectClub, Inc. v. NBCUniversal Media, LLC*, No. 20-C-1054 (Tenn. Cir. Ct.); *Beniak Enterprises v. Chubb*, No. 2:20-cv-05536 (D.N.J.); *Truhaven Enterprises, Inc. v. Chubb Ltd.*, No. 2:20-cv-04586 (D.N.J.); and *Gottwald v. Sebert*, No. 653118/2014 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.). Additionally, I have been displaced from my home for several months due to a fire. Given these overlapping demands, we will not be able to prepare a brief in opposition without the requested extension.

Thank you for your understanding and your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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