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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: *Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, et al. v. Texas*, No. 20-493**

Dear Mr. Harris:

In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 30.4 and the Court's Order of March 19, 2020, Respondent, the State of Texas, respectfully requests an extension of the time for filing its response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter.

Petitioners filed their petition for a writ of certiorari on October 9, 2020, and it was docketed on October 15. The Court requested a response on November 10, creating a deadline for Respondents' brief in opposition of December 10, 2020. Respondents request a 30-day extension of that deadline, creating a new filing date of January 11, 2021.<sup>1</sup>

The extension is necessary because lead counsel for Respondent was not personally involved in the matter before the Fifth Circuit and has had numerous briefing and argument obligations since Petitioners filed their petition for certiorari on October 9. Lead counsel's caseload has significantly increased due to COVID-19-related litigation involving the State of Texas and its officials and, more recently, multiple emergency election-law matters that have required expedited briefing and argument. Lead counsel's obligations include:

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<sup>1</sup> Thirty days from December 10, 2020 is January 9, 2021, which is a Saturday; thus, the operative deadline would be Monday, January 11.

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- **November 10** – Oral argument in *California v. Texas*, Nos. 19-840, 19-1019 (U.S.);
- **November 23** – Brief in opposition due in *Texas Democratic Party v. Abbott*, No. 17-51060 (U.S.);
- **December 1** – Brief in opposition due in *City of Austin v. Paxton*, No. 19-1441 (U.S.);
- **December 2** – En banc supplemental brief due in *Whole Woman’s Health v. Paxton*, No. 17-51060 (5th Cir.); and
- **December 9** – Opening brief on the merits due in *Richardson v. Hughs*, No. 20-50774 (5th Cir.).

For the foregoing reasons, Respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of the deadline to file its response to the petition for a writ of certiorari, creating a new deadline of January 11, 2021.

Counsel to Petitioners confirmed that Petitioners are unopposed to the requested extension.

Respectfully submitted.

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