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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: *Torres v. Tex. Dep't of Public Safety*, No. 20-603

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 November 2, 2020, and it was docketed on November 5. The Court requested a response on November 24, creating a deadline for Respondents' brief in response of December 28, 2020. Respondents request a 30-day extension of that deadline, creating a new filing date of January 27, 2021.

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 November 2. 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:

- **November 9** – Brief in opposition filed in *Planned Parenthood Center for Choice v. Abbott*, No. 20-305;

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- **November 10** – Oral argument in *California v. Texas*, Nos. 19-840, 19-1019 (U.S.);
- **November 23** – Brief in opposition filed 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;
- **December 23** – Opening brief on the merits due in *Richardson v. Hughs*, No. 20-50774.
- **January 11** – Brief in opposition due in *Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, et al. v. Texas*, No. 20-493.

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 Petitioner confirmed that Petitioner is unopposed to the requested extension.

Respectfully submitted.

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