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

Re: Haaland v. Brackeen, No. 21-376  
Cherokee Nation v. Brackeen, No. 21-377  
Texas v. Haaland, No. 21-378  
Brackeen v. Haaland, No. 21-380

Dear Mr. Harris:

The Court granted writs of certiorari and consolidated these four cases on February 28, 2022. The Court subsequently granted a motion to extend the time to file the opening briefs on the merits to May 26, 2022, and to extend the time to file the response briefs on the merits to August 5, 2022. The Court also granted a motion to file briefs in excess of the word limits in light of the multiple questions presented and the complexity of the issues.

On the evening of Friday, July 29, 2022, one of the attorneys with principal responsibility for preparation of the government's brief on the merits suffered the unexpected death of a close family member, following a medical emergency that required him to travel out of the area and undertake significant family responsibilities. In light of that development, we respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including August 12, 2022, within which to file the government's brief on the merits. For the convenience of the parties and the Court, we also request the same extension of time for the other aligned parties (petitioners in No. 21-377 and respondents in the other three cases).

Counsel for all parties have informed us that they either consent to or do not oppose the requested extensions.

Sincerely,

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