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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: *Weisfeld v. Scott*, No. 22-149

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent John Scott, the Texas Secretary of State, respectfully moves for an extension of the deadline for filing the response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter.

Petitioners filed a petition for a writ of certiorari on August 15, 2022, and Respondent waived response on August 29. On September 27, the Court requested a response, creating a deadline of October 27. Respondent requests a 60-day extension of that deadline, creating a new deadline of December 26, 2022.

My staff reached out to counsel for Petitioners via email to ask for Petitioners' position on this motion. Petitioners' counsel advised that the requested extension is unopposed.

The extension is necessary because lead counsel for Respondent faces additional briefing and argument obligations. The press of business from numerous, complex matters with deadlines overlapping with the current deadline requires significant time and attention from undersigned counsel:

- *McFarland v. Lumpkin*, No. 22-5236 (U.S.) (brief in opposition due Sept. 30, 2022)

- *Office of the Attorney General v. Brickman*, No. 21-1027 (Tex.) (reply brief on the merits due Sept. 30, 2022)
- *Haaland v. Brackeen*, No. 21-376 (U.S.) (reply brief due Oct. 3, 2022)
- *Reed v. Goertz*, No. 21-442 (U.S.) (oral argument on Oct. 11, 2022)
- *Brooks v. Abbott*, No. 22-136 (U.S.) (response to jurisdictional statement due Oct. 11, 2022)
- *United States v. Texas*, No. 22-58 (U.S.) (respondent's brief due Oct. 18, 2022)
- *Haaland v. Brackeen*, No. 21-376 (U.S.) (oral argument on Nov. 9, 2022)
- *United States v. Texas*, No. 22-58 (U.S.) (oral argument during week of Nov. 28, 2022)
- *Hall v. Texas*, No. 22-5487 (U.S.) (response in opposition due Dec. 2, 2022)

Moreover, the Thanksgiving holiday falls in the middle of these additional deadlines, and the Attorney General's Office grants staff time off to spend with their families.

For the foregoing reasons, Respondent respectfully requests a 60-day extension of the deadline to file the response to the petition for a writ of certiorari, creating a new deadline of December 26, 2022.

Respectfully submitted.

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