

December 15, 2022

Hon. Scott S. Harris  
Clerk  
Supreme Court of the United States  
One First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Arkansas Times LP v. Waldrip*, No. 22-379

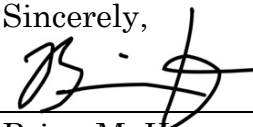
Dear Mr. Harris,

I write on behalf of Petitioner Arkansas Times LP to explain its opposition to Respondents' motion for extension of time in the above-referenced matter.

Petitioner objects to the motion for two reasons. First, Respondents' requested extension would delay this Court's review of the petition until late February or early March—at which point it would almost certainly be too late for the Court to hear the case before the end of the current Term if it grants the petition. As noted in the petition, this case presents a serious First Amendment issue that has divided lower courts and that implicates the First Amendment rights of government contractors in states throughout the country. Petitioner Arkansas Times has already lost vital advertising revenue because it is unwilling to certify that it is not boycotting Israel, a certification requirement that violates its First Amendment rights. This irreparable harm warrants review this Term if possible. The requested extension would make that impossible.

Second, although the petition was filed on October 20, Respondents waited until November 15 to file their waiver of a right to respond. On November 29, this Court requested that Respondents file a response to the petition by December 29. As a result, even without an extension, Respondents will have had 70 days to respond to the petition. Had Respondents filed their waiver promptly, we would not be in this position. Petitioner therefore respectfully asks that the Court deny the extension.

Sincerely,



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