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*The Solicitor General*

*Washington, D.C. 20530*

July 27, 2023

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

Re: Moris Esmelis Campos-Chaves v. Merrick B. Garland, No. 22-674  
Merrick B. Garland v. Varinder Singh, No. 22-884

Dear Mr. Harris:

We write on behalf of the Attorney General (respondent in No. 22-674 and petitioner in No. 22-884) to propose a coordinated briefing schedule for these cases. Moris Esmelis Campos-Chaves (petitioner in No. 22-674) and Varinder Singh and Raul Daniel Mendez-Colin (respondents in No. 22-884) consent to this proposal.

On June 30, 2023, this Court granted the petitions for writs of certiorari in these cases. The Court also consolidated the cases for briefing and oral argument.

To coordinate the briefing schedules and minimize duplicative briefing, we respectfully request (1) that the briefing in No. 22-674 be realigned, so that the Attorney General is treated as petitioner and Campos-Chaves is treated as respondent for purposes of the schedule set forth in this Court's Rules 25.1, 25.2, and 25.3; (2) that the Attorney General be allowed, in lieu of filing separate opening briefs on the merits in No. 22-674 and No. 22-884, to file a single consolidated opening brief, limited to 17,000 words, by an extended date of August 29, 2023; (3) that Campos-Chaves, Singh, and Mendez-Colin be allowed to file separate or consolidated briefs on the merits in conformity with this Court's Rule 33.1(g)(vi), by an extended date of October 18, 2023; and (4) that the Attorney General be allowed to file a single consolidated reply brief, limited to 9,000 words. We further propose that any briefs of amici curiae in support of the Attorney General be filed within 7 days after the consolidated opening brief of the Attorney General is filed, and that any briefs of amici curiae in support of Campos-Chaves, Singh, or Mendez-Colin be filed within 7 days after the brief for the party supported is filed.

This Court has on occasion realigned briefing to ensure that the same party need not file briefs on both the petitioner's and respondent's deadlines in two overlapping cases. See, e.g., *Axon Enter., Inc. v. FTC*, No. 21-86, and *SEC v. Cochran*, No. 21-1239 (realigning the briefing so that the federal parties filed on the respondents' deadlines in both cases). In addition, this Court has on multiple occasions granted leave to a party to file a consolidated brief across two overlapping cases. See, e.g., *Pugin v. Garland*, No. 22-23, and *Garland v. Cordero-Garcia*, No. 22-331 (granting the Attorney General leave to file a single consolidated opening brief of up to 17,000 words and a single consolidated reply brief of up to 9,000 words); *Biden v. Nebraska*, No. 22-506, and *Department of Educ. v. Brown*, No. 22-535 (granting petitioners leave to file a single consolidated

opening brief of up to 17,000 words and a single consolidated reply brief of up to 9,000 words); *Merrill v. Milligan*, No. 21-1086, and *Merrill v. Caster*, No. 21-1087 (granting appellants and petitioners leave to file a single consolidated opening brief of up to 18,000 words and a single consolidated reply brief of up to 10,000 words).

Sincerely,

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