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Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543-0001

Re: *M.C. v. Indiana Department of Child Services*, No. 23-450

Dear Mr. Harris:

We represent respondent Indiana Department of Child Services in the above-referenced matter. On November 30, 2023, the Court requested a response to the petition for certiorari. The response is due on January 2, 2024. Pursuant to this Court's Rule 30.4, I write to request a 30-day extension of time in which to file a response, to and including February 1, 2024. An extension of time is necessary for counsel, who did not represent the Department below and has been heavily engaged with other matters,¹ to prepare a response. The Department has not previously requested an extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Barta".

James A. Barta

¹ These other matters include oral argument in *Individual Members of the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana v. Anonymous Plaintiff 1*, No. 22A-PL-02938 (Ind. Ct. App.), held on December 6, 2023; an amicus brief in *LaBrant v. Secretary of State*, No. 368628 (Mich. Ct. App.), filed on December 6, 2023; a principal brief in *Smiley v. Jenner*, No. 23-2543 (7th Cir.), due on December 8, 2023; a reply in *Sparger-Withers v. Taylor*, No. 1:21-cv-2824 (S.D. Ind.), due on December 14, 2023; a reply in *Roberts v. Indiana*, No. 1:23-cv-00828 (S.D. Ind.), due on December 14, 2023; oral argument in *Bostic v. Vasquez*, No. 23-1665 (7th Cir.), scheduled for January 17, 2024; and oral argument in *Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles v. Simmons*, No. 23A-PL-00899 (Ind. Ct. App.), scheduled for January 23, 2024.

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