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By Federal Express

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

Re: *Dominic Bianchi, et al. v. Anthony Brown, Attorney General of Maryland, et al.*, No. 23-863

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case, in which the petitioners are seeking certiorari before judgment, was placed on the Court's docket on February 12, 2024. The response is due March 13, 2024. The respondent requests, under Rule 30.4, a 30-day extension of time permitting the response to be filed on or before April 12, 2024.

The extension is necessary because of the press of other assigned work. Most notably, on March 5, 2024, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit sua sponte ordered the parties to file supplemental briefs in this case by March 12, 2024. Those briefs are due eight days before the en banc argument in this case, which is scheduled for March 20, 2024. The requested extension is necessary to ensure that undersigned counsel and others in this division can devote sufficient attention to proceedings both in the Fourth Circuit and in this Court. Counsel for petitioners have consented to this request.

Very truly yours,


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cc: David H. Thompson, Esquire