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Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543-0001

Re: *L.M., a Minor, By and Through His Father and Stepmother and Natural Guardians, Christopher and Susan Morrison, Petitioner v. Town of Middleborough, Massachusetts, et al.*, No. 24-410

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am newly engaged to serve as counsel of record for Respondents Middleborough School Committee, Carolyn J. Lyons, Superintendent, Middleborough Public Schools, in her official capacity, and Heather Tucker, Principal, John T. Nichols Middle School,¹ in her official capacity (together the “School Respondents”), in connection with the above-captioned matter. Kay H. Hodge, co-counsel for the School Respondents, and Deborah I. Ecker, counsel for Respondent Town of Middleborough, Massachusetts, join in this letter.

On November 8, 2024, respondents filed a waiver of right to respond to the petition for a writ of certiorari filed by Petitioner L.M. On November 20, 2024, the Court requested that respondents file a response to the petition. The School Respondents subsequently engaged Ropes & Gray LLP as counsel to assist with the preparation of the requested response, which is presently due on December 20, 2024. Pursuant to Rules 30.2 and 30.4, respondents respectfully request an extension until January 21, 2025 to respond to the petition (an extension of 30 days, plus an additional two days, because January 19, 2025 is a Sunday and January 20, 2025 is a federal holiday).

In addition to affording new counsel the time necessary to become familiar with the case, this extension will give respondents time, during a period with numerous other professional obligations as well as the intervening holiday season, to coordinate on a single response to the petition.

¹ Ms. Tucker is referred to as “Acting Principal” of the Nichols Middle School in the case caption and petition. Her current title is Principal.

Respondents also note that petitioner previously requested a 30-day extension to file the petition, which the Court granted.

Counsel for petitioner indicated that they take no position on this request for an extension.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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