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

Re: No. 24-6057, *Luis Alfredo Aparicio v. State of Texas*

Dear Mr. Harris:

Under Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent State of Texas, respectfully moves for an extension of time to file its response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter.

The response is currently due January 17, 2025. Respondent requests a thirty-day extension of time to file its response, which results in a new filing date of February 17, 2025.¹ This is Respondent's first request for an extension.

The extension is necessary because since the petition was filed, undersigned counsel has had and continues to have numerous briefing, oversight, and argument obligations that will require significant time and attention, including:

- Oral argument before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in *Yelp Inc. v. Paxton*, No. 24-581, on December 4, 2024;
- A reply brief in *Annunciation House v. Paxton*, No. 24-0573, which was filed in the Supreme Court of Texas on December 16, 2024;

¹ Thirty days from January 17 is Sunday, February 16, so the new filing deadline would be Monday, February 17, 2025. See S.Ct. R. 30.1.

- An amicus brief in *Barnes v. Felix*, No. 23-1239 (in which undersigned has also sought argument on behalf of a coalition of 15 States), which was filed in this Court on December 20, 2024;
- An opening brief in *La Union del Pueblo Entero v. Abbott*, No. 24-50783, due to be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on January 2, 2025;
- A response to a petition for review in *Richardson v. Nelson*, No. 24-0793, which is due in the Texas Supreme Court on January 15, 2025;
- A response brief in *Nuclear Regulatory Commission v. Texas*, No. 23-1300, due in this Court on January 15, 2025; and
- A response brief in *Gutierrez v. Saenz*, No. 23-7809, which is due in this Court on January 17, 2025.

Additionally, undersigned counsel is currently tasked with a number of non-public advisory matters associated with Texas's upcoming biennial legislative session.

For these reasons, Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the deadline to file a response to the petition for a writ of certiorari, creating a new deadline of February 17, 2025.

Respectfully submitted.

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