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The Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
United States Supreme Court
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *ExxonMobil Corporation, et al. v. Environment Texas Citizen Lobby, Inc., et ano.*,
No. 24-982

Dear Mr. Harris:

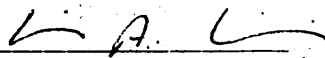
The Court docketed the petition for a writ of certiorari in this case on March 11, 2025. Shortly thereafter, on March 24, respondents Environment Texas Citizens Lobby Inc. and Sierra Club waived a response. The Court requested a response on April 9, and the brief in opposition is currently due May 9.

Under Supreme Court Rules 15.3 and 30.4, respondents respectfully request an extension of 28 days, until June 6, 2025, to file a brief in opposition. This is respondents' first request for an extension. The extension is warranted in light of the need for respondents to retain Supreme Court counsel for this matter and for that counsel to become familiar with the issues raised by the petition, which arises out of a long-running case with an extensive trial record and multiple relevant lower court opinions, including the decision below which spans 200 pages of the petition appendix. It is also warranted in light of the press of other business respondents' counsel faces in April and May, including preparation of five expert reports, a mediation, a court-ordered settlement, and a summary judgment brief deadline.

Petitioners have represented that they will oppose an extension past May 23. However, the 28-day extension respondents seek would not prejudice petitioners. The en banc court of appeals entered judgment on December 11, 2024, and petitioners took the full 90 days this Court's rules provide to file a petition.

If petitioners wish for their petition to be considered before this Court's summer recess (though they chose not to file their petition on a date that could have guaranteed that result), the extension respondents seek would not prevent the Court from considering the petition before the Court's summer recess. If the response is filed on June 6, 2025, petitioners may waive the 14-day period for distribution under Rule 15.5, which would allow the petition to be distributed for consideration at the June 26 conference. Finally, the petition identifies no pressing need for resolution of the petition that counsels against granting respondents an adequate amount of time to prepare a thorough response that will aid this Court's consideration of the petition.

Respectfully submitted,



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