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

Re: Request for 30-day Extension of Time to Respond to Petition in *Rajeh A. Saadeh v. New Jersey State Bar Association*, No. 25-1002

Dear Mr. Harris:

This Firm represents Respondent New Jersey State Bar Association in the above-captioned matter. Respondent here writes, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, to respectfully request a 30-day extension of time, up to and including May 22, 2026, within which to file its Response to the recently docketed Petition for Writ of Certiorari. That Rule permits such a request to “be presented in the form of a letter to the Clerk setting out specific reasons why an extension of time is justified The motion may be acted on by the Clerk in the first instance, and any party aggrieved by the Clerk’s action may request that the motion be submitted to a Justice or to the Court.” Sup. Ct. R. 30.4.

By way of background, the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case seeks the Supreme Court’s review of a decision of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, dated December 20, 2024 and the September 19, 2025 Supreme Court of New Jersey denial of Petitioner’s request for review by that Court. Accordingly, any petition for certiorari was initially due on December 18, 2025.

On November 24, 2025, Petitioner filed a first Application to extend the time to file his Petition for a Writ of Certiorari; that motion was granted by Justice Alito on December 1, 2025, extending the time to file until January 17, 2026. On January 6, 2026, Petitioner filed a second Application to extend further the time to file a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari, which was granted by Justice Alito on January 9, 2026, extending the time to file until February 16, 2026.

Petitioner filed his Petition for a Writ of Certiorari on February 13, 2026. Respondent's response to the Petition was accordingly due on March 26, 2026. However, on March 13, 2026, Respondent filed a waiver of its right to respond to the Petition. On March 23, 2026, the Court requested a response from Respondent, to be filed by April 22, 2026. Additionally, *amici curiae* Students for Fair Admissions, *et al.*, filed a brief in support of Petitioner on March 17, 2026; *amicus curiae* America First Legal Foundation filed a brief in support of Petitioner on March 23, 2026; *amici curiae* West Virginia, joined by 17 Other States, filed a brief in support of Petitioner on March 23, 2026; and *amicus curiae* Manhattan Institute filed a brief in support of Petitioner on March 24, 2026.

In this, its first request for an extension of time to file its response, Respondent respectfully requests an extension of 30 days, or up to and including May 22, 2026, for the following specific reasons:

- Additional time is necessary to permit sufficient time for consultation with the client, including its Board of Trustees and representatives thereof, as well as to accommodate counsel's professional obligations in other litigation matters, including but not limited to oral argument in the New Jersey Supreme Court to be held on May 27, 2026.
- Additionally, Respondent is in the process of engaging co-counsel with respect to this matter; that new co-counsel will likely require additional time to familiarize themselves with the record in this case.
- Most significantly, additional time is necessary to prepare and file a response that fully and fairly addresses not only the points raised in the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari, but also in the four *amicus* briefs filed in support of the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari.

Accordingly, Respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time within which to file its Response to the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in this matter. Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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