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

Re: *Cummins v. Illinois*, No. 25-1030

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent respondent Illinois in the above-captioned matter. On March 16, 2026, the Court directed respondent to file a response to the petition for a writ of certiorari on or before April 15, 2026. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, we respectfully request a 30-day extension of time, to May 15, 2026, to file our response. Counsel for petitioner has authorized us to state that they do not oppose this request.

An extension is warranted for multiple reasons. Since March 16, 2026, Assistant Attorney General Garson Fischer, who is assigned to draft the brief in opposition for respondent under the supervision of Illinois Solicitor General Jane Notz, has also had primary responsibility for, among other assignments, filing an appellant's brief in *People v. Lesley*, No. 130707, Illinois Supreme Court; and filing an answer in *Clark v. Wehking*, No. 26 C 1024, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Additionally, as a Deputy Division Chief for Criminal Appeals, he has responsibility for, among other things, editing other attorneys' pleadings, managing our office's responses to constitutional challenges, and participating in moot courts to assist colleagues in their preparation for oral arguments. Solicitor General Notz's work responsibilities also warrant an extension of time: As Illinois Solicitor General, she similarly devotes substantial time to performing supervisory and administrative duties, including editing briefs in other cases and helping prepare attorneys for oral argument.

This is respondent's first request for an extension of time. It is not made for purposes of delay, but solely to ensure that respondents' interests are adequately protected.

Sincerely,

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