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One First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Katherine Novotny, et al. v. Wes Moore, et al.*, No. 25-1324

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was placed on the Court's docket on May 29, 2026. The response was initially due June 29, 2026, but, at respondents' request under Rule 30.4, the time for filing the response was extended 30 days to July 29, 2026.

Respondents request an additional extension of 19 days, so that the response would now be due on or before August 17, 2026. The extension is necessary because of the press of other assigned work, including two briefs in the Supreme Court of Maryland as well as supplemental briefing due in a matter to be heard en banc by the Fourth Circuit in September. The requested extension is necessary to ensure that undersigned counsel and others can devote sufficient attention to those proceedings as well as the response to the petition in this Court. Counsel for petitioners have consented to this request.

Very truly yours,

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