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The Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Public Interest Legal Foundation v. Al Schmidt, Secretary of the Commonwealth, et al.*, No. 25-379

Dear Mr. Harris,

I represent Respondents in the above-captioned matter. A brief in opposition is currently due on November 28, 2025. I respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, that the time to file a response be extended by 45 days, to and including January 12, 2026. Petitioners take no position on this request.

An extension is warranted for multiple reasons. Deputy General Counsel Jacob Boyer, who is assigned to draft the brief in opposition for respondents under my supervision, was not previously involved in litigating this case and requires additional time to familiarize himself with the record.

In addition, both Mr. Boyer and I have significant professional obligations. Those include responsibility for navigating the impact of the current federal budget impasse on Pennsylvania. They also include managing Pennsylvania's involvement in an active litigation docket including, for example, *Massachusetts v. U.S. Department of Agriculture*, No. 25-cv-13165 (D. Mass), *Illinois v. Noem*, No. 25-cv-496 (D.R.I.), *Washington v. FEMA*, 25-cv-12006 (D. Mass), *California v. U.S. Department of Agriculture*, No. 25-cv-6310 (N.D. Cal.), *New Jersey v. U.S. Office of Management and Budget*, No. 25-cv-11816 (D. Mass), *Maryland Clean Energy Center v. United States*, No. 25-cv-1737 (Fed. Cl.), and *Arizona v. EPA*, No. 25-cv-2015 (W.D. Wa.).

I respectfully request this extension of time so that we can properly address the issues raised in the petition for writ of certiorari and prepare a response that

fully addresses the issues it raised. This is Respondents' first request for an extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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