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

Re: *Shelby. County, Iowa et al. v. William Couser, et al.*, No. 25-419

Dear Mr. Harris,

I represent the Respondents in this case. On November 10, 2025, the Court granted a 30-day extension to file the Respondents' brief in opposition, moving the deadline to December 8, 2025. Under Rule 30.4, I respectfully request a second extension of two weeks, up to and including Monday, December 22, 2025.

This additional time is necessary for two reasons that arose after the Court granted the first extension. First, an expedited administrative proceeding has been scheduled for an evidentiary hearing beginning December 15, requiring significant preparation in the coming days. Second, and more importantly, my 10-year-old nephew was diagnosed with leukemia this month and is currently hospitalized for treatment. Supporting my family during this time—including helping with related responsibilities—has required substantial attention over the last several weeks and will continue to do so in the near term.

These unexpected obligations, combined with previously scheduled professional commitments earlier in December, make it difficult to complete a brief in opposition that will be maximally useful to the Court on the current schedule. The requested extension will ensure adequate time to address the petition's arguments fully and accurately.

Petitioners have represented, through counsel, that they will consent to an eight-day extension (through December 16) but will not consent to a two-week extension.

Thank you for the Court's consideration.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan G. Koopmans', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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