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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

December 19, 2025

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

Re: Kristi Noem, Secretary of Homeland Security, et al., Petitioners v.  
Al Otro Lado, et al., S. Ct. No. 25-5

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was granted on November 17, 2025. Petitioners' opening brief is currently due on January 2, 2026 (day following a legal holiday), and respondents' opening brief is currently due on February 2, 2026 (Monday).

On behalf of the parties on both sides, we respectfully request, under this Court's Rule 30.4, that the time within which to file petitioners' brief (and the joint appendix) be extended to and including January 6, 2026, and that the time within which to file respondents' brief be extended to and including February 10, 2026. If those extensions are granted, the reply brief would be due on March 12, 2026.

Respondents' counsel has authorized us to state that respondents consent to this briefing schedule.

Sincerely,

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Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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