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Via electronic filing

Hon. Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street NE
Washington, DC 20543

RE: Extension to File Response to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in *St Mary Catholic Parish, et al., v. Roy et al.*, No. 25-581

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel of record to all Respondents in the above-mentioned case. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case was filed on November 13, 2025, and was docketed on November 17, 2025. Respondents waived their right to respond, and the Court called for a response on December 31, 2025. The response is currently due on January 30, 2026.

Members of the team representing Respondents have a number of significant commitments during January that include a pre-planned medical procedure, pre-planned travel, and ongoing case management and discovery obligations, scheduled depositions, and multiple hearings (including a previously-scheduled oral argument at the Colorado Supreme Court in early February). The client agency will also need time to review and approve the brief in opposition.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a 30-day extension through and including March 2, 2026, to file a response to the Petition.

Petitioners have consented to Respondents' request. Respondents have not previously sought an extension regarding this petition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
/s/ Helen Norton
Deputy Solicitor General

cc: Eric Rassbach, erassbach@becketfund.org (counsel for Petitioners)