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Ms. Denise J. McNerney, Merits Cases Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Keathley v. Buddy Ayers Construction, Inc.*, No. 25-6

Dear Ms. McNerney:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, respondent respectfully requests a 7-day extension for its brief on the merits in the above-captioned case.

The Court previously granted an 8-day extension, to and including January 20, 2026. With the requested extension, respondent's brief would be due January 27, 2026. The case would be fully briefed in time for the Court's March sitting.

The additional time is justified by a number of professional commitments on the part of respondent's counsel, in addition to family commitments and travel during the holiday period. In particular, respondent's counsel of record is responsible for an oral argument in a federal court of appeals on January 5, 2025.

Counsel for petitioner does not object to this further extension of time.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 346-4190. Thank you as always for your assistance.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William M. Jay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small flourish at the end.

William M. Jay

cc: Gregory G. Garre, Counsel for Petitioner