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

RE: ***John Stockton, et al. v. Nick Brown, et al.*, No. 25-606**

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel of record for Nick Brown and Kyle Karinen in the above-captioned case. The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed on November 20, 2025. A response to the petition, requested by the Court, is currently due on February 17, 2026.

Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Respondents request a 45-day extension to file a brief in opposition, to April 3, 2026. This request for additional time is made due to numerous other responsibilities requiring attention by the State's small team of attorneys that work on U.S. Supreme Court matters. Specifically, attorneys on the U.S. Supreme Court team must prepare Briefs in Opposition in *The GEO Group, Inc. v. Ugochukwu Nwauzor*, No. 25-828, currently due February 12, 2026, and *International Partners for Ethical Care, Inc. v. Ferguson*, No. 25-840, currently due on February 17, 2026. Attorneys on this team must also prepare an answer to a motion for leave to file a bill of complaint in *Florida v. California*, No. 22O162, currently due on January 27, 2025. Additionally, counsel in the above-captioned case are lead attorneys in multiple ongoing matters in state and federal court with deadlines in January and early February, including other appellate arguments, and must perform their regular work overseeing the office's appellate practice.

The extension will allow for a more thorough presentation by Mr. Brown and Mr. Karinen, which we believe will be helpful to the Court and not prejudice other parties.

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Petitioners do not object to this request.

Sincerely,

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