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Via Electronic Filing

Hon. Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20543

**Re: *D.B. & N.B. v. Vermont Department for Children and Families,*
No. 25-6140**

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, I write on behalf of Respondent, the Vermont Department for Children and Families, to request a second, 30-day extension of the time in which to oppose the petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-referenced matter. The reason for the extension is described below.

Respondent's current deadline is tomorrow, March 13. Along with its Brief in Opposition, Respondent intends to file an Appendix containing excerpts from the lower court record in the case. Since this was a termination of parental rights proceeding, and such proceedings are confidential under Vermont law, Respondent intends to move under Rule 34.7 to file the Appendix under seal.

On Monday, March 9, Respondent's counsel sought Petitioners' position on the motion to seal. Petitioners' counsel did not respond until today, March 12. She took the position that under state law, Respondent could not share parts of the trial court record with this Court absent an order from the trial court authorizing it to do so.

Respondent strongly disagrees with that position, but to try to avoid any unnecessary complication in this court, requests an additional extension to allow time for the Parties to attempt to resolve the issue before the Brief and Appendix are filed. Respondent therefore requests that the Court extend its current deadline by 30 days, to Monday, April 13.

Respondent's counsel has sought Petitioner's position on this extension request, but Petition did not offer a position as of the time of filing.

Thank you for considering this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Jonathan T. Rose
Solicitor General
Counsel of Record
Counsel for Respondent

cc: All counsel of record, via electronic mail.