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

Re: *Kevin McCarthy v. Pedro Hernandez, No. 25-748*

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent the respondent in this case. The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed on December 18, 2025, and was docketed on December 23, 2025. Respondent's brief in opposition is currently due on January 22, 2026.

Pursuant to Rules 15.3 and 30.4 of the rules of this Court, respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of the time within which to file a brief in opposition, rendering the brief due on February 23, 2026. The extension is requested to enable undersigned counsel to prepare a brief in opposition that will best assist the Court in its consideration of the petition, due to the press of preexisting business both before this Court and elsewhere.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul W. Hughes".

Paul W. Hughes

Cc: counsel of record for petitioner