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

RE: Request for extension of time to file a brief in opposition to the petition  
*Stephen Foote, individually and as Guardian and next friend of B.F. and G.F., minors, et al., v. Ludlow School Committee, et al.*  
S. Ct. No. 25-77

Dear Mr. Harris,

I am counsel for Respondents, Ludlow School Committee, Todd Gazda, Lisa Nemeth, Stacy Monette, Marie-Claire Foley, Jordan Funke, and Town of Ludlow (collectively “Respondents”), in the above-referenced matter. Petitioners sought and received two extensions of time in which to file their petition, totaling sixty days. Respondents assented to Petitioners’ requests. Petitioners filed their petition on July 18, 2025. The case was docketed on July 22, 2025. Absent an extension, Respondents’ response is due on August 21, 2025. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Respondents respectfully request that the time for filing a response be extended by sixty days, making the response due on October 20, 2025.

This request for an extension is Respondents’ first. Respondents’ counsel has numerous other professional commitments prior to the current deadline. The requested extension is necessary to ensure Respondents, and their counsel, have an adequate opportunity to review and respond to the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari and the amicus briefs that have been filed. The requested extension will also better enable preparation of a response that will be most helpful to the Court.

Accordingly, Respondents request a sixty-day extension of time, to and including October 20, 2025, to file their brief in opposition to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari. Before writing this letter, I informed Petitioners’ counsel, John J. Bursch, Esq., of Respondents’ intent to request a sixty-day extension. Attorney Bursch informed me by electronic mail that Petitioners assent to the requested sixty-day extension.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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