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Hon. Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of the Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
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**Re: *Jeanne Hedgepeth v. James A. Britton, et al.*, No. 25-819**

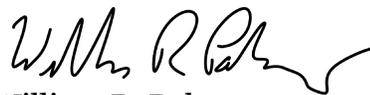
Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent Respondents in the above-captioned case. The Court granted Petitioner's application to extend the time to file the petition for certiorari by 45 days, and the petition was docketed on January 8, 2026. Respondents did not respond to the petition. The petition was distributed on January 28, 2026. On February 9, 2026, the Court called for a response, which is now due March 11, 2026. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Respondents respectfully request that the time for filing a response to the petition be extended by 30 days, to April 10, 2026. We contacted Counsel of Record for petitioner via email on February 25, 2026 to inquire whether petitioner has any objection to this request but, as of the date of this letter, have not received a response.

One of the attorneys primarily responsible for representing Respondents in this matter, Hailey Golds, recently left our firm and another attorney, John Swinney, has assumed responsibility for the case. As a result of this transition, additional time is necessary for counsel to become fully familiar with the record and the legal issues presented in the petition. Respondents respectfully submit that this brief extension will not prejudice Petitioner and will assist the Court by ensuring a complete and considered response.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Paul D. Clement, Counsel of Record for Petitioner (via email)