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Via ECF

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

Re: *Arkansas United v. Thurston*, No. 25-890

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent respectfully requests an extension of 30 days within which to file his brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari in *Arkansas United v. Thurston*, No. 25-890, which would make the new deadline May 18, 2026, because May 17 falls on a Sunday. The Court docketed the petition on January 22, 2026, and the State filed a response waiver on February 18, 2026. The Court requested a response on March 18, and the State's response is currently due on April 17, 2026.

This is the State's first request for an extension of time. The extension is needed in light of other deadlines and conflicts faced by the State's counsel of record. Counsel has a brief in opposition due on April 1 in this Court in *Rankin v. Payne*, No. 25-6683, and an oral argument on April 14 in the Seventh Circuit in *Central States v. McClain*, No. 25-2727. Counsel also has supervisory and briefing obligations related to several briefs in the Eighth Circuit, including opening briefs in *NetChoice v. Griffin*,

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No. 26-1096, (due April 8) and *Fason v. Hamlet*, No. 26-1373, (due April 22), and reply briefs in *League of Women Voters of Arkansas v. Jester*, No. 25-3389 (due April 8), *Fayetteville Public Library*, No. 25-2211 (due approximately April 9), and *Flywheel Energy Production LLC v. York*, No. 25-2723 (due approximately April 22). Counsel also has a planned vacation, which would further limit the time that could be spent on the brief in opposition.

The requested 30-day extension will not prejudice any party. Counsel for Petitioners confirmed that they do not oppose the extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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