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September 10, 2026

Via Electronic Filing

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

Re: *Woolard, et al., v. Thurmond, et al.*, Case No. 26-237
Request for Extension of Time to File Response to Petition

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent respondent Tony Thurmond, in his official capacity as California's Superintendent of Public Instruction (Respondent Thurmond), in the above-referenced matter. The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed on August 20, 2026, and was docketed on August 24, 2026. The response to the petition is currently due on September 23, 2026. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, I respectfully request that the time for filing a response to the petition be extended thirty (30) days to October 23, 2026.

Respondents' time to respond has not previously been extended; however, yesterday (September 9) other respondents in this case requested the same thirty (30) day extension to respond. While the granting of that recent request may apply to all respondents, I apply separately on behalf of Respondent Thurmond for the same extension out of an abundance of caution, and because such an extension is necessary to adequately prepare a response, given the press of existing, competing professional commitments.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the time for filing a response to the petition be extended thirty (30) days to October 23, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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