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Via electronic filing

Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Nathan v. Alamo Heights Indep. Sch. Dist.*, No. 26-257

Dear Mr. Harris:

In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondents respectfully move for a 21-day extension of time to file a response to the joint petition for a writ of certiorari.

Petitioners filed a joint petition for a writ of certiorari on August 17, 2026, which was docketed on August 27. Respondents previously received a 30-day extension, making their response due on October 28. Respondents respectfully request a 21-day extension of that deadline, until November 18.

An extension is warranted because undersigned counsel has numerous professional obligations around the current October 28 deadline. Undersigned counsel is preparing for oral argument in this Court in *Guerrero v. Johnson*, No. 25-1003, on November 4, 2026, and has a reply in support of certiorari in *Texas v. Black*, No. 26-335, due in this Court on October 26, 2026.

In addition, attorneys in the Solicitor General Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Texas supervised by undersigned counsel are scheduled to present ten other oral arguments during the week of November 2:

- *Huang v. Paxton*, No. 25-51034, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, is scheduled for argument on November 2, 2026.
- *Texas v. Oz*, No. 25-40766, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, is scheduled for argument on November 2, 2026.
- *Fisher v. Texas Tech University*, No. 26-10536, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, is scheduled for argument on November 2, 2026.
- *American Sustainable Business Council v. Huffines*, No. 26-50111, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, is scheduled for argument on November 3, 2026.
- *Smith v. Smith*, No. 25-20090, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, is scheduled for argument on November 3, 2026.
- *Wild Type v. Garcia*, No. 26-50181, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, is scheduled for argument on November 4, 2026.
- *Doe v. University of Texas at San Antonio*, No. 26-50226, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, is scheduled for argument on November 4, 2026.
- *In re Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, No. 25-0663, in the Supreme Court of Texas, is scheduled for argument on November 4, 2026.
- *ENGIE IR Holdings LLC v. Huffines*, No. 25-1093, in the Supreme Court of Texas, is scheduled for argument on November 4, 2026.
- *Texas Tech University v. Espinoza*, No. 25-0762, in the Supreme Court of Texas, is scheduled for argument on November 5, 2026.

Attorneys from the Office are occupied in preparations for these oral arguments, limiting their availability to assist with the response. And undersigned counsel has significant oversight and managerial responsibilities regarding the upcoming arguments, as well as numerous other matters.

This extension is sought in the interest of justice, not for delay, and no party will be prejudiced if this request for an extension is granted.

Petitioners oppose the requested extension.

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For the foregoing reasons, Respondents respectfully request a 21-day extension of the deadline to file the response to the joint petition for a writ of certiorari, creating a new deadline of November 18, 2026.

Respectfully submitted.

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cc: All counsel of record