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VIA FEDEX STANDARD OVERNIGHT

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

RE: *Forensic Pathology Services, P.C., et al., v. Robert Bumgardner, et al.*
Case No.: 26-295

Dear Mr. Harris:

This office represents Respondents Robert Bumgardner, Leslie Bureta, Ashley Bryant, Shannon Byers, Larry Leon Harrison, and Victor Long in the above-referenced matter.

Pursuant to Rule 30.4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States, Respondents respectfully request a thirty-day extension of time, from Monday, October 5, 2026, through and including Wednesday, November 4, 2026, within which to file their Brief in Opposition to the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari.

This is Respondents' first request for an extension of time. The requested extension will provide counsel sufficient time to fully analyze the arguments raised in the petition for certiorari, the record, and the authorities relevant to the issues presented and to prepare a response. Given Respondents' counsel's existing litigation obligations, including pending deadlines in federal district court, the requested extension will provide counsel sufficient time to address these competing obligations and adequately prepare Respondents' Brief in Opposition. Further, the requested extension

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will not prejudice Petitioners or materially delay the consideration of the petition.

Accordingly, Respondents respectfully request that the time to file their Brief in Opposition be extended through and including November 4, 2026. A copy of this request is being served on counsel for the Petitioners in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 29.

Sincerely,

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Jay A. Walker
Counsel for Respondents

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

No. 26-295

**FORENSIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES, P.C., AND
CAROL A. TERRY, M.D.,**

Petitioners,

v.

**ROBERT BUMGARDNER, LESLIE BURETA, ASHLEY BRYANT,
SHANNON BYERS, LARRY LEON HARRISON, AND VICTOR LONG,**

Respondents.

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 29.5(c) and 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Jay A. Walker, declare as follows:

I am counsel for Respondents and am not presently a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

On September 22, 2026, I served one copy of Respondents' Letter Request for a Thirty-Day Extension of Time to File a Brief in Opposition by delivering it to FedEx for delivery within three calendar days to the following counsel of record for Petitioners:

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I also transmitted an electronic copy of the extension request to Petitioners' counsel at the email address listed above contemporaneously with the paper service.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September 22, 2026.

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Jay A. Walker
Counsel for Respondents