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

Re: *Johnson v. Luis Cardenas-Ornelas*, No. 26-395

Dear Mr. Harris,

The petition for writ of certiorari in this case was filed on September 18, 2026. The Court requested a response on October 27, 2026. Pursuant to that order, the response is currently due on November 27, 2026.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent Luis Cardenas-Ornelas respectfully requests a 26-day extension of time to file his response, up to and including Wednesday, December 23, 2026. The undersigned counsel has recently been brought in to work on this case, and requires additional time to review the issues, record, and caselaw. Additionally, a request is necessary due to the Thanksgiving holiday and counsel's workload and competing court deadlines in other matters, including an opening brief due in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit due Dec. 16 in *Williams v. Miller*, No. 26-2927. Respondent has not previously sought an extension for his brief in opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

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