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

Re: ***Manny Diaz, Jr., et al. v. Leroy Pernell, et al.***
No. 26-475

Dear Mr. Harris,

Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Respondents LeRoy Pernell, Sharon Austin, Shelley Park, Jennifer Sandoval, Russell Almond, Adriana Novoa, Samuel Rechek, and the First Amendment Forum at the University of South Florida respectfully request an extension of time of 60 days in which to file a response to the petition for a writ of certiorari. Petitioners do not oppose this request.

Respondents' current deadline for responding to the petition for writ of certiorari is November 9, 2026, and a 60-day extension of this deadline would fall on January 8. This is the first request for an extension of time to file a response by Respondents.

There is good cause for an extension. This matter originated in two separate cases in the district court below. The cases were consolidated by the court of appeals, resulting in a single decision. Respondents have thus been represented by separate counsel and have briefed the cases separately until now. However, counsel for both groups of Respondents have agreed to coordinate a joint response to the petition. Respondents' counsel respectfully request an extension to facilitate this coordination. Further, Petitioners did not effectuate service of the petition on some of Respondents' counsel until October 14, which delayed Respondents' ability to coordinate and prepare a response.

Additionally, Respondents' counsel anticipate filing numerous other briefs in this Court prior to or just after the current deadline, including: a reply in support of a petition for a writ of certiorari in *Heidler v. Carr*, No. 26-5332 (filing November 4); a reply brief to the petition for a writ of certiorari in *Nathan v. Alamo Heights*

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Independent School District (filing November 16); a brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari in *Trump v. Suri*, No. 26-380 (due November 20); a brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari in *Moylan v. Guam Society of Obstetrician and Gynecologists*, No. 26-22 (due November 24); a petition for a writ of certiorari in *Ford v. McKesson*, No. 26A538 (due November 27) and merits briefing in *Rhoney v. Barbosa da Cunha*, No. 25-3141 (cert granted October 1).

Respectfully submitted,

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