

October 27, 2026

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

**Re: Department of Health and Human Services, et al. v. Texas Medical Association, et al.,
No. 26-491, Request for an extension of time to file brief in opposition**

Dear Mr. Harris,

I am counsel of record for respondents Texas Medical Association and Tyler Regional Hospital, L.L.C. in the above-referenced case.¹ The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed and docketed on October 14, 2026, and the brief in opposition is currently due on November 13, 2026.

Respondents respectfully request, under Rules 30.1 and 30.4 of the rules of this Court, a 30-day extension of time, to and including December 14, 2026, in which to file a brief in opposition to the petition. Because the thirtieth day after the current deadline falls on Sunday, December 13, 2026, the requested extension runs to the following Monday. This is respondents' first request for an extension of time. Counsel of record for Respondents LifeNet, Inc., Air Methods Corp., Rocky Mountain Holdings, L.L.C., and East Texas Air One, L.L.C. has authorized me to state that those Respondents join in this request. Counsel for Petitioners did not respond to my request for Petitioners' position on this request.

The extension is warranted for two reasons. First, the petition asks the Court to decide whether Section 706(2) of the Administrative Procedure Act authorizes universal vacatur of agency rules in the context of a complex and novel regulatory scheme. Consequently, briefing an opposition to the petition will require significant time.

¹ Texas Medical Association has no parent corporation, and no publicly held corporation owns 10% or more of its stock. Tyler Regional Hospital, LLC is part of East Texas Health System, LLC, which is a joint venture between AHS East Texas Health System, LLC (the majority owner) and University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Tyler. No publicly held corporation owns 10% or more of Tyler Regional Hospital, LLC's stock.

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Second, the undersigned and other attorneys working on this matter face numerous competing deadlines in other matters, including:

- October 29, 2026: hearing on motion for summary judgment in *Maldonado v. Higher Education Loan Authority of the State of Missouri*, No. 3:24-cv-07850-VC (N.D. Cal.);
- November 3, 2026: opposition to motion for preliminary injunction in *American Hospital Ass'n v. Kennedy*, No. 26-cv-00515 (D. Me.);
- November 6, 2026: brief of respondents in *In re BMI Oldco Inc.*, No. 26-20568 (5th Cir.)
- November 9 and 12, 2026: briefs of *amicus curiae* The Options Clearing Corporation in *Kielczewski v. SEC*, No. 26-1006 (D.C. Cir.) and *Alpine Securities Corp. v. FINRA*, No. 26-5161 (D.C. Cir.), respectively;
- November 13, 2026: appellee's brief in *Hernandez v. ScribeAmerica, LLC*, No. 25-8159 (9th Cir.);
- Late November 2026: reply in support of petition for a writ of certiorari in *Waked Hatum v. United States*, No. 26-320 (brief in opposition due November 12, 2026);
- November 30, 2026: opening brief in *Hunt Refining Co. v. EPA*, No. 25-13759 (11th Cir.);
- December 14, 2026: brief of respondent-intervenors in *REH Co. v. EPA*, No. 25-1180 (D.C. Cir.); and
- December 22, 2026: opposition to class certification in *Maldonado*, No. 3:24-cv-07850-VC (N.D. Cal.).

An extension will ensure that Respondents can prepare a brief in opposition that will be of most assistance to the Court in deciding whether to grant review.

Sincerely,

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cc: All counsel of record