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Mr. Scott S. Harris
Clerk
United States Supreme Court
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: No. 26-6, *Merritt v. Texas Farm Bureau, et al.*

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent Respondent Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company in the above-captioned matter, and write on behalf of all Respondents. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, I request a 30-day extension of time in which to file a brief in opposition to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this matter. Counsel for the Respondents in this matter have competing obligations and responsibilities in other matters and need additional time to coordinate their arguments and prepare a single opposition brief in this matter.

The Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this matter was docketed on July 1, 2026. The response is currently due on July 31, 2026. If extended pursuant to this request, the Response would be due on Monday, August 31, 2026. Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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