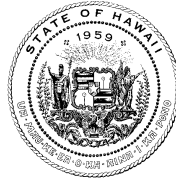


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September 15, 2026

The Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

RE: *Public Interest Legal Foundation, Inc. v. Scott T. Nago*, No. 26-98

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent Respondent Scott T. Nago in the above-referenced case. Respondent's brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari is currently due on September 25, 2026. Pursuant to Rule 30.4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, I respectfully request that Respondent's deadline to file the brief in opposition be extended by 31 days, up to and including Monday, October 26, 2026.

An extension of time is warranted because I am currently the only attorney appearing for Respondent as counsel in this matter and because I have other professional obligations throughout the month of September. In particular, I have a reply brief in support of a motion to dismiss due on September 25 in a federal district court case, *Grassroot Institute of Hawaii v. Lopez*, No. 1:26-cv-00279-LEK-RT (D. Haw.). In addition, I have been recently assigned to a new federal district court case, *United States v. Hawai'i*, No. 1:26-cv-00476-LEK-WRP (D. Haw.), as well as a new Hawai'i state court appeal, *Tax Foundation of Hawai'i v. State*, No. CAAP-26-0000567 (Haw. Ct. App.). I am also assisting in preparing others for two Hawai'i Supreme Court oral arguments that will be held on September 22, and I have other pending matters in state and federal court that may require my attention.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Thomas J. Hughes

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cc: Joseph M. Nixon, counsel of record for Petitioner