

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

DR. TAMÁS HAMPEL,
Applicant,

v.

VIRGIN ORBIT HOLDINGS, INC., ET AL.,
Respondents.

**APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE
A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

To the Honorable Samuel A. Alito, Jr., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States
and Circuit Justice for the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit:

1. Pursuant to this Court's Rules 13.5, 22, and 30, Applicant Dr. Tamás Hampel, through undersigned counsel, respectfully requests a 60-day extension of time, to and including November 2, 2026, within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari. This is the first such request in this matter.
2. The petition will seek review of the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in *In re Virgin Orbit, LLC* (Hampel, Appellant), No. 25-1702, issued September 26, 2025 (2025 WL 2741796). A copy of the opinion is attached as Exhibit A. The court of appeals subsequently recalled its mandate, granted leave to file the rehearing

petition, and denied panel rehearing and rehearing en banc on June 4, 2026; a copy of that order is attached as Exhibit B. Unless extended, the petition is due on September 2, 2026, ninety days after the denial of rehearing. Sup. Ct. R. 13.1, 13.3. This application is filed at least 10 days before that date. Sup. Ct. R. 13.5.

3. This Court's jurisdiction is invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).
4. There is good cause for the requested extension. Applicant has until this point proceeded pro se, and retained undersigned counsel only last week, through an inquiry to the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic at the University of Virginia School of Law. Newly retained counsel needs adequate time to review the record and evaluate the legal issues presented, in order to prepare and file the petition.
5. The Third Circuit's decision decides an important and recurring statutory issue: Whether a Chapter 11 confirmation order may be "procured by fraud" within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 1144 due to the concealment of a material fact (here, the existence, value, and insider destination of the estate's principal asset)—or, as the court below held, § 1144 requires proof of an affirmative misrepresentation made with actual fraudulent intent. The decision below is inconsistent with this Court's decisions in *Husky International Electronics, Inc. v. Ritz*, 578 U.S. 355 (2016), and *Bartenwerfer v. Buckley*, 598 U.S. 69 (2023), neither of which the panel addressed.
6. For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari be extended by 60 days, to and including November 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Lori Alvino McGill, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that on August 23, 2026, as required by Supreme Court Rules 22.2 and 29, I served one copy of the foregoing Application for a 60-Day Extension of Time To File a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari on counsel of record for respondents by U.S. mail to:

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All parties required to be served have been served. 28 U.S.C. § 1746.

/s/ Lori Alvino McGill
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