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In the Supreme Court of the United States

LUCIA SANCHEZ, et al.,

Petitioners,

v.

RAUL TORREZ, in his official capacity as Attorney General of New Mexico, et al.,

Respondents.

*On Petition For Writ Of Certiorari To The
U.S. Court Of Appeals For The Tenth Circuit*

**APPLICATION TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICE NEIL M. GORSUCH,
FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE
A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

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To the Honorable Neil M. Gorsuch, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 13.5, Petitioners Lucia F. Sanchez, Michael F. Sanchez, Jr., Erik Briones, Richard Jenkins, and Roland Rivera,¹ respectfully request a 30-day extension of time to file their Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in this Court, up to and including November 12, 2026.

RULE 29.6 CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Petitioners are all natural persons.

JUDGMENT FOR WHICH REVIEW IS SOUGHT

The judgment for which review is sought is *Sanchez v. Torrez*, No. 25-2009 (10th Cir. April 21, 2026), appended here as Attachment A. The court below denied a timely filed Petition for Rehearing on July 14, 2026 (Attachment B), making a Petition for Writ of Certiorari due on October 13, 2026. This application for an extension of time is filed more than ten days in advance of that date.

JURISDICTION

This case arises under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The district court had original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The Court of Appeals had appellate jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291. This Court has jurisdiction over a timely filed petition for writ of certiorari in this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

¹ Roland Rivera died while the case was pending below. His son, Derek Rivera, is his personal representative in the probate proceedings, which are ongoing. A motion to substitute Derek Rivera as personal representative for Roland Rivera is forthcoming.

REASONS FOR GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

Good cause exists for the requested extension. Counsel of record for Petitioners, Christopher M. Kieser, has a substantial workload concurrent with the time for the preparation of the petition in this case. Specifically, he is counsel of record for the Petitioners in two petitions currently pending before this Court: *Coalition for Fairness in SoHo & NoHo, Inc v. City of New York*, No. 25-1187, and *Association for Education Fairness v. Montgomery County Board of Education*, No. 26-12. The Court called for a response to both petitions, and counsel had the primary drafting responsibilities for the reply briefs. The reply brief in the former case was filed on August 17, 2026, while counsel plans to file the reply brief in the latter case on September 10, 2026. Counsel also has other litigation responsibilities during the period, including a reply brief due in the First Circuit on October 2, 2026, in *Boston Parent Coalition for Academic Excellence Corp. v. Boston School Committee*, No. 26-1285. In light of these responsibilities, counsel seeks an extension to ensure the most effective petition in this case. This is Petitioners' first request for an extension.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioners request that this Court grant an extension of 30 days, up to and including November 12, 2026, within which to file a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari.

DATED: September 2, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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