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**IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

KNIFE RIGHTS, INC., ELIOT KAAGAN, JIM MILLER, GARRISON HAM, NORTH COUNTY
SHOOTING CENTER, INC., AND PWGG, LP,

Applicants,

v.

ROB BONTA, CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL,

Respondent,

On Application for an Extension of Time Within Which
To File a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

**APPLICATION TO THE HON. ELENA KAGAN, FOR AN EXTENSION OF
TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

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CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 29.6, Applicants state that Knife Rights, Inc., North County Shooting Center, Inc., and PWGG, LP has no parent corporation, and that no publicly held company owns 10% or more of its stock or other ownership interests.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 13.5, Applicants Knife Rights, Inc., Eliot Kaagan, Jim Miller, Garrison Ham, North County Shooting Center, Inc., and PWGG, LP, hereby respectfully move for a 60-day extension of time, up to and including December 14, 2026 to file a petition for a writ of certiorari. Unless an extension is granted, the deadline for filing a petition will be October 14, 2026.

In support of this request, Applicants state as follows:

1. The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit rendered its decision on January 30, 2026. Exhibit 1. Applicants timely petitioned for rehearing en banc and the court of appeals denied rehearing on July 16, 2026. Exhibit 2. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

2. This case presents a challenge to California's ban on carriage of switchblades, or knives of at least two inches in length that open using an automatic mechanism. A panel of the Ninth Circuit rejected Applicants' challenge by construing it as a facial challenge and concluding that historical restrictions on concealed carry, especially laws regulating the concealed carry of Bowie knives, justified at least a ban on concealed carry and therefore immunized the law against a facial challenge.

3. The firm of Cooper & Kirk has been retained to prepare the petition for certiorari in this case. Counsel from Cooper & Kirk have several pre-existing obligations over the next two months, including presenting argument in the Ninth Circuit on September 30, 2026, in *X Corp. v. Center for Countering Digital Hate, Inc.*, No. 24-2643 (9th Cir.), preparing for a lengthy trial scheduled for October 12 – October 30, 2026 in *Texas v. TikTok, Inc.*, No. D-1-GN-25-003118 (Tex. Dist. Ct.

Travis Cnty.), a continuation of another trial scheduled for September 22, 2026 in *A.M.C. v. Smith*, No. 3:20-cv-240 (M.D. Tenn.), and another petition for certiorari deadline arising from *Christian v. James*, No. 25-384 (2d Cir. May 18, 2026) (due September 16, 2026). In addition, counsel face briefing deadlines in this same period in other cases including *Bathras v. Moore*, No. 1:26-cv-2074 (D. Md.) (due September 22, 2026) and *Firearms Policy Coalition v. BATFE*, No. 26-30154 (5th Cir.) (due October 21, 2026).

4. In addition, counsel from Cooper & Kirk are also counsel for Petitioners in *Viramontes v. Cook County, Illinois*, No. 25-238 and *Grant v. Higgins*, No. 25-566, which have been consolidated and are set to be argued before this Court on December 2, 2026. Preparation for that case will require much of counsel's time in the period after the current deadline for certiorari in this case, necessitating a full 60-day extension here.

5. Applicants thus request a 60-day extension of time for counsel to prepare a petition for certiorari in this case that fully addresses the complex and important issues raised by the decision below and frames those issues in a manner that will be helpful to this Court.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Applicants request that an extension of time to and including December 14, 2026, be granted within which Applicants may file their petition for a writ of certiorari.

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Respectfully submitted,



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