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Via Electronic Case Filing and U.S. Mail

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

Re: *Rey v. LCMC Health Care Partners, LLC*, No. _____

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel for Respondents in the above-captioned matter. On September 17, 2026, Petitioners filed an application for a 30-day extension of time to file their petition for a writ of certiorari, moving the deadline from October 7, 2026, to November 6, 2026. Respondents respectfully oppose the extension request.

Respondents run a nonprofit medical center for children in New Orleans. Respondents rely on their emergency helicopter to transfer injured children to its hospital—often when time is of the essence. Petitioners brought a nuisance suit based on alleged noise from the helicopter, seeking in part to enjoin Respondents' use of the helicopter.

The district court has set a trial date of March 22, 2027. Dist. Ct. Dkt. 151. The proposed extension would push the likely distribution date past December 22, 2026, which would mean that the petition would likely not be decided in time for a merits decision during this Term if the petition is granted. (To be clear, Respondents will argue that the petition should be denied.) Pushing a merits decision to the 2027 Term would interfere with the trial date and further prolong the uncertainty hanging over Respondents' life-saving operations.

For these reasons, Respondents respectfully request that Petitioners' application for an extension of time be denied. At a minimum, Respondents respectfully suggest that the Court grant only a 21-day extension to ensure distribution by December 22, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: David Zimmer, Counsel for Petitioners