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In the Supreme Court of the United States

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE
AND NATIONAL REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL COMMITTEE,
Applicants,

v.

SHERROD BROWN, JON OSSOFF, ROY COOPER,
AND KRISTEN MCDONALD RIVET,
Respondents.

APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

To the Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr.,
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and
Circuit Justice for the Fourth Circuit

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CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Per Supreme Court Rule 29, Applicants the National Republican Congressional Committee and the National Republican Senatorial Committee state that they have no parent companies or publicly held companies with a 10% or greater ownership interest in them.

TO THE HONORABLE JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR., CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES AND CIRCUIT JUSTICE FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT:

In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 13(5), Applicants—the National Republican Congressional Committee and the National Republican Senatorial Committee—respectfully request a 30-day extension of time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari, to and including December 23, 2026. The Fourth Circuit issued its judgment on August 25, 2026. Unless the Court grants an extension, the deadline for filing the petition for a writ of certiorari is November 23, 2026. Applicants have not previously sought or received an extension of that deadline. This Court has jurisdiction to review the judgment below under 28 U.S.C. §1254(1).

In support of this request, Applicants state as follows:

1. This case involves a dispute about the Federal Communications Commission's interpretation of a federal campaign-finance law that affords candidates and committees favorable advertising rates from broadcasting stations during election season, so long as those ads are for candidate "use." 47 U.S.C. §315(b)(1). The FCC's Media Bureau issued a public notice informing the broadcasting industry how it would apply the statute. In addition to that merits dispute, the case involves a question of whether the Fourth Circuit had jurisdiction to review and vacate the Media Bureau's public notice.

2. Applicants intervened in the Fourth Circuit to defend the challenged agency guidance.

3. After expedited briefing and argument, the Fourth Circuit denied the FCC's motion to dismiss and vacated the FCC Media Bureau's public notice. Applicants litigated emergency proceedings in the Fourth Circuit and this Court. On September 4, 2026, this Court granted Applicants' application for a stay of the Fourth Circuit's order. *See Nat'l Republican Congressional Comm. v. Brown*, No. 26A274, 609 U.S. 1082 (2026). The Court recalled and stayed the mandate "pending the filing and disposition of a petition for a writ of certiorari, if such a writ is timely sought." *Id.* at 1086.

4. This case raises important questions about the scope of campaign-finance laws and federal court jurisdiction to review agency action. The issues have split the circuits and affect electoral campaigns nationwide.

5. Counsel for Applicants have substantial obligations in other pending cases between now and the current due date of the petition. Counsel for Applicants represent Petitioner in *Republican National Committee v. Mi Familia Vota*, No. 25-1017, scheduled for argument in this Court on December 8, 2026. Petitioner's reply brief on the merits is due November 12. Counsel is arguing several dispositive motions in Virginia state court on November 18, 2026, in *Rocovich v. Spanberger*, Case No. CL26005392-00 (Va. Cir. Ct.). And counsel have several other deadlines and commitments in the coming weeks.

6. This week, the Solicitor General requested a similar 30-day extension on behalf of the Federal Communications Commission and the United States with regard to the time to petition for a writ of certiorari. *See FCC v. Brown*, No. 26A667.

The Chief Justice granted the application yesterday, extending the time for the United States to file its petition until December 23, 2026.

7. An extension of time would not prejudice Respondents, who filed this case primarily targeting the rules "in the weeks leading up to primary and general elections." *NRCC*, 609 U.S. 1082. Those elections are now over, and an extension would not impede the Court's ability to resolve this case before the next federal election cycle.

For these reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari be extended to and including December 23, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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