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Mr. Scott S. Harris, Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Gonzalez v. Shahin, et al.*
S. Ct. No. 23-797
Request for extension of time to file a response to the petition

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-styled case was filed on January 19, 2024, following a 30-day extension of the ordinary deadline for filing a petition for writ of certiorari. The response to the petition is currently due on February 23, 2024. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, I am filing this letter on behalf of all respondents. Respondents respectfully request that the time for filing a response be extended by 30 days, making the deadline March 25, 2024.

This matter involves four sets of respondents and an extension of time would allow for adequate time for internal review and would better enable preparation of a response that respondents believe would be most helpful to the Court. Respondents Jeffrey Adams, PA-C; Salem Shahin, MD; and McKenzie County Healthcare Systems, Inc. have separate counsel as indicated, and I am one of the attorneys representing respondents Carol Gilmore, MD; Richard Martin, MD; Paul Andelin, MD; and Mercy Medical Center.

To the extent that counsel for respondents are not currently members of the Supreme Court of the United States Bar, respondents understand that at the time the response is due, an attorney who is a member of the Supreme Court of the United States Bar will need to file it. Applications for admission are underway.

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We thank you for your time and attention to the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

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