

April 23, 2024

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.*, No. 23-797
Opposition to request for extension of time to file a response to the
petition

Dear Mr. Harris:

Petitioner Marco Gonzalez opposes the 45-day request for an extension to file their response to the petition, addressed to you by Respondents and filed earlier today. Respondents have previously received a 30-day extension, then filed a waiver, and now seek an additional 45 days after being ordered to file a response.

The petition for certiorari in this case was docketed on January 19, 2024. A response to the petition was due on February 23, however, on February 5, Respondents filed a motion to extend the time to March 25, 2024, an additional 30 days. On February 6, that motion was granted. Subsequently, on March 1, Respondents filed a waiver of their right to respond.

On April 11, the Court requested a response with a due date of May 13. Without an extension, Respondents would have had nearly four months to develop a response. Adding an additional 30 days would equal the amount of time a justice, for good cause, may extend the time to file a petition for certiorari under Rule 13.5, even if one did not count the extra time afforded before the Court ordered a response. Despite Respondents' request for time to coordinate among the respondents and the assertion of successive trial obligations by different counsel, Respondents have had ample time to develop a response. Further delay is not warranted.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert S. Peck

Counsel of Record for
Petitioner Marco Gonzalez

cc: All counsel