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September 20, 2024

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

Re: *Gerlach v. Rokita et al.*, No. 24-21

Dear Mr. Harris:

Respondents Todd Rokita, Kelly Mitchell, Curtis Hill, and Aaron Negangard respectfully request a 60-day extension of time in which to file their response to the petition for certiorari in the above-captioned case. The Court requested a response to the petition on September 18, 2024. The response is currently due October 18, 2024. With a 60-day extension, the response would be due on December 17, 2024. This extension is necessary because counsel, who did not represent the respondents below, is heavily engaged with the press of other matters.¹ Counsel has not previously requested an extension.

¹ Those matters include an amicus brief in *United States v. Idaho*, No. 23-35440 (9th Cir.), due on September 20, 2024; an oral argument in *Marroquin v. Reagle*, No. 23A-MI-2545 (Ind.), scheduled for September 23, 2024; a reply in support of a motion for preliminary injunction in *Indiana v. Haaland*, No. 1:24-cv-1665 (D.D.C.), due on September 27, 2024; assisting with preparations for an oral argument in *Nicodemus v. City of South Bend*, No. 24-1099 (7th Cir.), scheduled for September 27, 2024; a response brief in *City of Bloomington v. Smith*, No. 24A-PL-1775 (Ind. Ct. App.), due on October 4, 2024; ongoing discovery in *Free Speech Coalition v. Rokita*, No. 1:24-cv-980 (S.D. Ind.), including written discovery responses due on October 17, 2024; a reply in *3Chi v. Rokita*, No. 1:23-cv-1115 (S.D. Ind.), due on October 18, 2024; assisting with preparations for an oral argument in *Satanic Temple v. Rokita*, No. 23-3247 (7th Cir.), scheduled for October 24, 2024; an opening brief in *Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky, Inc. v. Commissioner*, No. 24-2219 (7th Cir.), due on October 25, 2024; a reply brief of up to 16,000 words in *West Virginia v. EPA*, No. 24-1120 (D.C. Cir.), due on October 25, 2024; a response brief in *A.B. v. Holcomb*, No. 24-2144 (7th Cir.), due on October 28, 2024; an oral argument in *Sparger-Withers v. Taylor*, No. 24-1367 (7th Cir.), scheduled for October 31, 2024; expert reports in *Free Speech Coalition v. Rokita*, No. 1:24-cv-980 (S.D. Ind.), due on November 14, 2024; a motion for summary judgment in *Indiana v. Haaland*, No. 1:24-cv-1665 (D.D.C.), due on December 9, 2024; and a reply in *Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky, Inc. v. Commissioner*, No. 24-2219 (7th Cir.).

Thank you very much for your time, attention, and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Barta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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