

October 16, 2024

Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, DC 20543

**RE: Christi Jacobsen, Montana Secretary of State v. Montana Democratic Party, et al.,
No. 24-220**

Dear Mr. Harris,

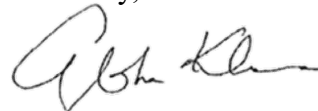
Respondents Montana Democratic Party and Mitch Bohn respectfully request, pursuant to Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, a 60-day extension of time to respond to Montana Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen's petition for a writ of certiorari.

The Court requested a response to the petition and set a deadline of November 7, 2024. A 60-day extension of this deadline would fall on January 6, 2025.

This is Montana Democratic Party's and Mitch Bohn's first request for an extension of time to file a response. This extension is requested due to counsel's significant obligations in other matters over the next sixty days, including two ongoing, complex redistricting cases in Alabama and North Carolina with discovery and pre-trial deadlines over the next two months, *Caster v. Allen*, Case No. 2:21-cv-1536 (N.D. Ala.); *Williams v. Hall*, 1:23-cv-1057 (M.D.N.C.), as well as a spate of election-related litigation, which typically requires complex and emergency briefing in the weeks leading up to and after election day.

Secretary Jacobsen opposes a 60-day extension but consents to an extension until December 23, 2024. Accordingly, if the Court is disinclined to grant a 60-day extension, Respondents respectfully request a 46-day extension, to December 23, 2024.

Sincerely,



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