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The Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of the Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20543

Via Electronic Case Filing and USPS Express Mail

RE: ***Speech First, Inc. v. Pamela Whitten, et al.*, No. 24-361**  
**Request for extension of time to respond to petition**

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel for all named Respondents (Pamela Whitten, *et al.*) in the above case. The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed on September 27, 2024, and placed on the docket on October 1, 2024. Respondents' brief in opposition to the petition is currently due October 31, 2024. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Respondents respectfully request that the time for filing a response be extended by 30 days, such that the response would be due on or before Monday, December 2, 2024 (as the 30<sup>th</sup> day falls on Saturday, November 30, 2024, and thus rolls to Monday, December 2, 2024, per Rule 30.1).

This request for an extension is Respondents' first, and good cause exists for it. Namely, Respondents' undersigned counsel has had and continues to have multiple matters that are consuming his available time this month, including: Service leadership at the Indiana State Bar Association's two-day Annual Summit as an Officer (Vice-President then President-Elect); multiple briefs on behalf of Defendants in *Thompson v. Trustees of Indiana University, et al.* (pending in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana as Case No. 1:23-cv-02094-TWP-MKK); depositions in multiple matters, including two in Los Angeles, California, requiring travel out and back the week of October 28, 2024; appellees' brief in *A.B., et al. v. Eric Holcomb, et al.* (pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit as Case

No. 24-2144); court conferences and hearings in multiple matters; and case prosecution and defense work in multiple ongoing matters.

Given such commitments, the requested extension is necessary to ensure Respondents and their counsel have an adequate opportunity to review the petition and prepare a response.

Accordingly, Respondents request a 30-day extension of time, to and including December 2, 2024, to file their brief in opposition to the petition. No party will be prejudiced by the requested extension. On October 18, 2024, I informed Petitioner's Counsel of Record, Cameron Norris, of Respondents' intent to request this 30-day extension on workload grounds; Mr. Norris replied that Petitioner does not object to the extension.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, John R. Maley, am Respondents’ counsel and hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I did, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2024, send out from Indianapolis, Indiana, by USPS Express Mail (postage prepaid), one package containing this letter directed to the Clerk of the Court pursuant to Rule 30.4, in the above-captioned case. All parties required to be served have been served by USPS Express Mail (postage prepaid), with packages plainly addressed to Petitioner’s counsel (including its Counsel of Record, Cameron T. Norris) as listed in the below table. An electronic version of this letter is also being transmitted today to Petitioner’s Counsel of Record.

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So certified and executed this 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, 2024, in Indianapolis, IN, by,

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