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

Re: Bost v. Illinois State Board of Elections, No. 24-568

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent respondents the Illinois State Board of Elections and Bernadette Matthews, in her official capacity as the Executive Director of the Illinois State Board of Elections, in the above-captioned matter. On January 2, 2025, the Court directed respondents to file a response to the petition for a writ of certiorari on or before February 3, 2025. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, we respectfully request a 30-day extension of time, to March 5, 2025, to file our response. Counsel for petitioners has authorized us to state that they do not oppose this request.

An extension is warranted for multiple reasons. Deputy Solicitor General Alex Hemmer, who is assigned to draft the brief in opposition for respondents under my supervision, has prior deadlines in other courts between now and February 3, 2025. These include an opening brief in *Schoenthal v. Raoul*, No. 24-2643 (7th Cir.), on January 15, 2025; an oral argument in *Piasa Armory, LLC v. Raoul*, No. 130539 (Ill.), on January 22, 2025; and an answering brief in *Weisenstein v. Raoul*, No. 5-24-0824 (Ill. App.), on January 30, 2025. My work responsibilities also warrant an extension of time to file the response: As Illinois Solicitor General, I devote substantial time to performing supervisory and administrative duties, including editing briefs in other cases and helping prepare attorneys for oral argument.

This is respondents' first request for an extension of time. It is not made for purposes of delay, but solely to ensure that respondents' interests are adequately protected.

Sincerely,

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