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Hon. Scott S. Harris Clerk of the Court Supreme Court of the United States 1 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20543

Re: Request for extension of time to file response to petition *HCI Distribution, Inc. v. Hilgers*, No. 24-615

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Respondents Michael T. Hilgers and Glen A. White respectfully request a thirty-day extension of time to file a brief in opposition to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in *HCI Distribution, Inc. v. Hilgers*, No. 24-615. Respondents request the Court extend the response deadline from February 12, 2025, to March 14, 2025.

This is Respondents' first request for an extension of time to file their response. Respondents have conferred with counsel for Petitioners, and Petitioners consent to the extension. Good cause exists for the extension of time because of the complex issues in the case and because counsel for Respondents have several impending briefing and argument obligations in the U.S. Courts of Appeals and the Nebraska Supreme Court, including:

- Appellee Brief in the Eighth Circuit due on February 10 in *Filyaw v. Corsi*, 24-3041;
- Oral argument in the Eighth Circuit on February 11 in *Patton v. Boyd*, 24-2026:
- Reply Brief in the D.C. Circuit due on February 24 in *Nebraska v. EPA*, 24-1129; and
- Oral argument in the Nebraska Supreme Court on March 5, 6, or 7 in *State v. Scott*, No. S-24-422.

Further, one of the attorneys working on this response is leaving his employment with this office next week. Counsel thus requires additional time to respond to the arguments raised in the petition.

Sincerely,

/s/ Eric J. Hamilton

Eric J. Hamilton Solicitor General