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

Re: *Hanson, et al. v. District of Columbia, et al.*, No. 24-936

Dear Mr. Harris:

The Court docketed the petition in the above-referenced case on February 28, 2025. The brief in opposition is currently due on March 31, 2025.

I respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including April 30, 2025, for the District of Columbia to file its response.

This extension is necessary because Assistant Attorney General Tessa Gellerson, who is assigned to draft the brief in opposition, requires additional time to draft the brief. Ms. Gellerson has an upcoming argument on March 26 in *Flowers v. District of Columbia*, No. 24-CT-276 (D.C.). Ms. Gellerson is also the principal author of the District's brief in *Gebretsadike v. District of Columbia, et al.*, No. 24-CV-7112 (D.C. Cir.) (due April 17), and *Peterson v. United States*, No. 24-CF-430 (D.C.) (due April 30), and is responsible for numerous time-sensitive internal matters. Finally, after Ms. Gellerson completes her draft, I and other supervisors in the Office of the Attorney General will need to review and edit the brief, necessitating the requested extension.

This is the respondents' first request for an extension of time. It is made in good faith and solely to prepare the District's response. Petitioners sought a 30-day extension of time within which to file the certiorari petition, and the requested extension will not result in undue delay, as the Court could still grant certiorari (should it decide to do so) in time to hear and decide the case next Term. Counsel for petitioners consents to this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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