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In the  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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KARL HANSEN,

PETITIONER,

v.

ELON MUSK; TESLA MOTORS; U.S.  
SECURITIES, INC.,

RESPONDENTS.

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**On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the  
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth  
Circuit**

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**APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO  
FILE PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

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**To The Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States**

Pursuant to Rule 30.3 of this Court, Petitioner respectfully requests a 60-day extension of time, to and including May 9, 2025, within which to file a petition for writ of certiorari to review the Opinion from the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. *Hansen v. Musk*, 122 F.4th 1162 (9th Cir. 2024). Absent an extension, Petitioner’s petition would be due 90-days from the Opinion from the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which is March 10, 2025.

**Basis for Jurisdiction in the Supreme Court**

This Court has jurisdiction to grant an application for a writ of certiorari in this case pursuant to Art. III, Sec. 2, Clause 2, as Petitioner seeks review of the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Opinion.

**Opinion and Order**

On December 10, 2024, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal upheld and affirmed the United States District Court of Nevada’s dismissal of the case. *Hansen v. Musk*, 122 F.4th 1162 (9th Cir. 2024).

**Judgment Sought to be Reviewed**

The Court’s review is warranted to resolve significant issues of law on which the decision below departs from this Court’s precedents. Karl Hansen filed a lawsuit against Elon Musk, Tesla, and U.S. Security Associates. Hansen alleged retaliation for reporting misconduct at Tesla, invoking the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX). Most claims were sent to arbitration, except for the SOX claim. The district court dismissed

Hansen's SOX claim, citing issue preclusion from arbitration. The arbitration award found Hansen did not engage in protected activity under securities laws.

Here, there are significant issues that must be resolved. First, whether a claim that is statutorily not allowed to be arbitrated can be dismissed based on findings which happened in a related arbitration on other claims. Second is whether *Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc. v. Byrd*, 470 U.S. 213 (1985) and *Alexander v. Gardner-Denver Co.*, 415 U.S. 36 (1974) are in conflict, as suggested by the Ninth Circuit.

### **Reasons for Extension of Time**

The additional time is warranted due to significant professional obligations in pending appellate matters and the need to consult with documentary evidence.

Petitioner believes an extension will result in no prejudice to Respondent.

### **CONCLUSION**

Petitioner's request is intended to ensure that Petitioner and counsel have adequate opportunity to discuss the merits of their claims, review all prior records, and provide complete and effective assistance of counsel.

Respectfully submitted,



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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Robert L. Sirianni, Jr., hereby certify that an original and 2 copies of the foregoing Application for Extension of Time for the matter of *Hansen v. Musk* were sent via Next Day Service to the U.S. Supreme Court, and 1 copy was sent Next Day Service and email to the following parties listed below, this 13<sup>th</sup> day January 2025.

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