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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

## Re: Respondent's request for extension of time to file a response to petition

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, et al. v. North Dakota State Legislative Assembly et al. S. Ct. No. 23-847

Dear Mr. Harris,

I am counsel for the Respondents in this case. On March 28, 2024, the Court requested Respondents file a response to the Petitioners' Petition for a Writ of Certiorari. Absent an extension, Respondents' response is due on April 29, 2024. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Respondents respectfully request the time for filing a response be extended by thirty days to May 29, 2024.

This is Respondents' first request for an extension. Good cause exists for the requested extension as Respondents' counsel has numerous other professional commitments prior to the current deadline. The requested extension is necessary to ensure Respondents have an adequate opportunity to review and respond to the Petition in a manner that will be most helpful to the Court.

I have reached out to Petitioners' counsel, Mark Gaber, to inform him of the intent to request this extension. Mr. Gaber informed me by email that Petitioners do not object to the requested extension.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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