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Honorable James R. Farrell
Acting Supreme Court Justice
Supreme Court of the State of New York
Sullivan Supreme and County Courthouse
414 Broadway
Monticello, NY 12701
(via NYSCEF and e-mail)

Re: *Lopes, Gillio v. Hochul, et. al*
Supreme Court, Albany County
Index No. 911974-26

Dear Justice Farrell:

This office represents Respondents Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York and Letitia James, New York State Attorney General (collectively, Respondents) in the above-referenced matter. I write today to respectfully request an opportunity for Respondents to respond to Petitioner's motion for leave to amend by Friday, November 13, 2026.

By way of brief background, yesterday evening, Petitioner moved by order to show cause for leave to amend the Verified Petition. In the proposed order to show cause, Petitioner requests that this Court set a briefing schedule for Respondents' answer to their motion, as well as Petitioner's reply. Accordingly, we write to provide Respondents' position regarding the briefing schedule contemplated in the proposed order to show cause.

Respondents respectfully request that the deadline for their response to Petitioner's motion be set for Friday, November 13, 2026. Although this Court's rules ordinarily require motion submissions on Thursdays, Respondents respectfully request that they be permitted to make their submission on a Friday to account for the intervening Veterans Day holiday.

Respondents take no position on the time for Petitioner's reply, except to reiterate their request made at oral argument that this proceeding continue on an expedited trajectory.

Thank you for your kind consideration to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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