



March 22, 2018

**Via Electronic Filing and Electronic Mail**

Scott Harris  
Clerk of the Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
One First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Rucho, et al. v. Common Cause, et al.*, No. 17-1295

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write to request an extension of time for Appellees League of Women Voters of North Carolina, *et al.* to respond to the statement as to jurisdiction filed in this case. Appellees' motion to dismiss or affirm is presently due on April 13, 2018. I request an extension of 14 days, to and including April 27, 2018, to file this brief.

The reason for this request is the desire of Appellees to respond to the *amici* briefs that are anticipated to be filed in support of Appellants' statement as to jurisdiction. These *amici* briefs will not be filed until April 13, 2018. If Appellees must file their motion to dismiss or affirm on the same date as the *amici*, Appellees will not be able to address the arguments of *amici*.

Co-Appellees Common Cause, *et al.* do not oppose this request, which will not have an adverse impact on the Court's calendar. Under the present schedule, the case would likely be considered no sooner than the Court's May 17, 2018 conference, such that it would not be calendared for argument this Term regardless of any extension. If Appellees file their motion to dismiss or affirm on or before April 27, 2018, the case will still be considered at conference before the end of this Term.

Thank you for your kind consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul M. Smith", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Paul M. Smith

cc: Paul D. Clement, Counsel for Appellants, *Rucho, et al.*  
Emmet J. Bondurant, Counsel for Co-Appellees, *Common Cause, et al.*